

BACK YOUR NEIGHBOUR



**It's time to stand up for our neighbours, friends and local communities.
Say no to cruel cuts that are pushing thousands into poverty and homelessness.**

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The Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) Program provides basic support to individuals and families living in the Australian community waiting for a decision on their refugee status.

It provides help with the basics of life like housing, food, clothing, health and kinder/school costs. It also provides mental health support.

As of last year there were 13,000 people supported by this program. Since then, thousands have had that support cut by the Federal Government.

This is cruel treatment of highly vulnerable individuals and families, leaving them with nothing to survive on but help from local charities.

The Federal Government has a responsibility to provide support to people until they can move forward with their lives in a positive way.

State and territory governments also need to commit additional funding to make sure local support services are supported to meet this increased local need and avoid more serious crisis.

Australians support each other when we hit hard times and we are asking our federal, state and territory governments to do the same.

We need to back our neighbours, friends and local communities instead of leaving the people who need our help most to suffer in silence.

The Back Your Neighbour Campaign is a coalition of Australian local governments working with community groups, welfare organisations and ordinary Australians who oppose cuts aimed at the most vulnerable members of our community.

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We are calling for:

1. The Federal Government to stop its funding cuts and to fully reinstate the Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) program as a matter of urgency
2. State and territory governments to provide interim funding to local services who are supporting individuals and families put at risk by SRSS cuts

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