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UnitingCare Australia backs a fair and acceptable safety net

UnitingCare Australia has welcomed the introduction of Cathy McGowan’s private member’s bill, seeking to establish a new Social Security Commission that would introduce greater transparency and integrity into the setting of minimum levels for social security payments.

“Ensuring our social safety net provides adequate support for people in need is integral to addressing social inequality and allowing people to live in dignity”, said Claerwen Little, National Director of UnitingCare Australia.

“Independent scrutiny of payment levels is well overdue, and it is time that attention is focussed on ensuring that our safety net can adequately provide for those most in need”, said Ms Little.

UnitingCare Australia has [previously advocated](#) for the establishment of an independent commission to develop evidence-based benchmarks to ensure that income support payments are adequate for people to live a decent life.

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