

# POVERTY

There is growing controversy over the increasing practice of Centrelink turning away hardship cases, telling them to try St. Vincent de Paul. Government funding to these agencies fell last year but the Government referred 80,000 people to it. In the last thirty years the proportion of people on middle incomes has fallen by 50% and is still falling! (ABS, IBIS) Our middle class is disappearing and becoming the "working poor". One in every seven Australians is now classified as "poor" that is existing on half or less, of the average wage.

Worldwide, 385 Billionaires now control as much wealth as 2.7 Billion people do! The gap between the rich and the poor is widening dramatically. Multinational companies now control two-thirds of the world trade, and one third of the world's resources. With these facts in mind, it is evident that it is impossible for any of the current Governments schemes to create any real jobs.

Unemployment in Australia is listed at 7%-9% but in fact it is much more, (re above figures) given that a person working minimum hours per week or as a casual is not counted as unemployed. All the Governments Mickey Mouse solutions have failed. The only way to create employment is by revitalising manufacturing in Australia. The major unsatisfied market is energy; this is required by all nations. Australia has been blessed with abundant supplies of energy; we must exploit this to our advantage in much the same way as OPEC has done.

History and research has consistently shown that a strong manufacturing sector is essential for employment growth. It is quite clear that Australia's future is dependent on the prosperity of the manufacturing sector Each Australian government has the obligation to nurture and protect the industries, which employ its citizens, rather than being subservient to UN treaties designed at destroying our industry, employment for our people and economically controlling us.



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