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A CALL TO KINSHIP CARERS AND GRANDPARENTS TO ACT NOW TO SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES

GPV/KCV urges all our members and connections to contact the office of the Prime Minister and the Treasurer to call for increases to income support payments.

One phone call from you will make a difference when it is added to other calls being made from across the community.

The main points to make are outlined below and the phone numbers to call/email addresses to use are provided.

The Australian Government has made real differences when protecting the lives of people in Australia during the COVID-19 health crisis. We congratulate all involved in making the decisions that have led to this happening.

However, now is the time to go a bit further to support people in getting through the looming economic crisis.

We have seen 824,000 people lose their jobs because of COVID-19. This will increase. We need to ensure that these people are able to, at the very least, put a roof over their head and food on the table.

Cutting income support back to \$40 a day would have devastating consequences for people and the economy. To boost employment, we must ensure

everyone has enough to cover the basics such as food and housing, but not forgetting transport.

The government took swift and decisive action to lift people's incomes during the crisis. We now have the opportunity to convert that temporary relief into enduring reform with enormous social and economic benefits.

A permanent, adequate increase to Jobseeker, Youth Allowance and other income support payments is essential to our economic and social recovery.

We urge you to permanently increase these income support payments as part of the Economic Statement on 23 July and will rejoice when it is announced.

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