

## **NTCOSS 2011 Conference Resolutions**

### **Income Management**

Delegates across the community sector resolve at this NTCOSS conference 2011 to express our opposition to the Income Management scheme operating in the NT.

The IM scheme is not based on evidence and represents poor and harmful public policy.

In its application it breaches human rights, is discriminatory and disproportionately effects Aboriginal people.

In our collective experience we believe the IM scheme will not work to address the serious issues that it was established to address and comes at an unacceptable human and financial cost.

We call on the government to withdraw the scheme. We call on the government to begin real negotiations with sector NGOs and Aboriginal organisations and with communities to agree on measures to address the issues in the long term.

These measures should include reallocation of the cost of the current scheme towards essential financial and community service infrastructure that is urgently needed on the ground in communities, outstations and homelands.

These measures must ensure dignity and respect.

### **Income Support**

Increase the Income Free Area and indexation for Youth Allowance, New Start Allowance and Parenting Payment Single equal to the Income Free Area of other pensions.

Calls for the urgent increase in Newstart Allowance, Youth Allowance and Parenting Payment Single by a minimum of \$50 per week. In order to enable a person to meet their basic living needs with dignity and respect.

### **Asylum Seekers**

"The NTCOSS conference 2011 supports the Australian Government's commitment to moving all children and vulnerable families out of detention by June this year. We call on the Government to ensure it meets this commitment, and to guarantee that while children remain in detention they are treated appropriately."