



PUTTING AUSTRALIANS FIRST



A SAFETY NET FOR AUSTRALIANS, NOT NON-CITIZENS

The Coalition will restore the principle of Putting Australians First by ensuring Australia's safety net is for Australians, not non-citizens who have not yet made a full commitment to this country.

A strong safety net depends on trust.

It must be fair to the Australians who pay for it, focused on those who genuinely need it, and sustainable for the future.



THE PROBLEM

Australia is a generous country but generosity has to be sustainable.

The welfare system and the NDIS should support Australians when they are older, when they lose work, when they live with disability, or when life takes a difficult turn.

For people to trust the system, they need to know it is fair.

They need to know the safety net is there for citizens who have contributed to the country and rely on it when they need help.

They also need to know it will still be there in the years ahead.

A safety net that tries to do everything for everyone can eventually fail the people who need it most.



THE COMMITMENT

The Coalition will put Australians first by reserving welfare payments and future eligibility for the NDIS for Australian citizens.

From 1 July 2028, access to 17 welfare payments and benefits will be limited to Australian citizens only. Future eligibility for the NDIS will also be limited to Australian citizens.

Existing recipients of these benefits and the NDIS will be grandfathered and current exemptions and international arrangements will continue to apply.

Australia is a generous country with a strong social safety net.

But taxpayer-funded support should be there first and foremost for Australians.

If you commit to Australia, Australia will commit to you.

The humanitarian intake will be returned to its long-term average.



WHY CITIZENSHIP MATTERS

Citizenship is a full commitment to Australia.

It carries rights, responsibilities and obligations.

Putting Australians First means recognising that the safety net should first serve Australian citizens whose taxes sustain the system.

This does not mean Australia stops being generous.

It means the system has clear rules, clear priorities and a sustainable foundation.

If you are committed to Australia, Australia is committed to you.



WELFARE BENEFITS FOR AUSTRALIANS FIRST:

- Age Pension
- Disability Support Pension
- JobSeeker
- Youth Allowance
- Carer Payment
- Parenting Payment
- FTB Part A
- FTB Part B
- Austudy
- Farm Household Allowance
- Special Benefit
- Mobility Allowance
- Pensioner Education Supplement
- Carer Allowance
- Parental Leave Pay
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card
- Low Income Health Care Card

Putting Australians First will ensure the safety net is for Australians, focused on genuine need, and protected for the future.

To find out more go to:

www.liberal.org.au/our-plan

