

WHY DO THE GREENS OPPOSE INCOME MANAGEMENT?

It doesn't work - international research shows that welfare quarantining doesn't keep children or families healthy and out of poverty.

It's expensive - welfare quarantining means more money spent on red tape and staff salaries. \$38 million has been budgeted for the 10 trial sites alone.

It's impractical - the BasicsCard forces families to shop at particular stores, usually the large stores where goods may be more expensive.

Other solutions are available - there is strong evidence that **voluntary** income management programs and family budget planning can help reduce poverty.

“Income Management has made it harder to look after my children. We need investment in jobs and services in our communities, but the government is more interested in controlling us.”

Barbara Shaw

Aboriginal town camp leader, 2009

The Greens believe in supporting people through tough times. These laws punish people who have done nothing wrong and takes away their freedom to manage their own money. Join us for a discussion about what it means for the Bankstown community.

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**SAY NO TO INCOME MANAGEMENT
NOT IN BANKSTOWN NOT ANYWHERE!**



Image: Geoff Bagnell National Indigenous Times 2011

PUBLIC MEETING IN BANKSTOWN

1pm Thursday 15th December
Large meeting room, Civic Tower, 66-72 Rickard Road

WHAT IS COMPULSORY INCOME MANAGEMENT?

From **1 July 2012** compulsory income management will be introduced in Bankstown.

Income management or welfare quarantining means half your Centrelink payment will be managed by Centrelink. People targeted would be issued with a “BasicsCard” only to be used to buy certain goods in selected shops. Centrelink can use this money to pay bills like rent and power but not others such as phone bills.

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS STAND UP FOR BANKSTOWN

The Government announced in May 2011 that a trial of income management would be imposed in Bankstown.

A coalition of over 50 organisations have now publicly endorsed the **Say 'NO' to income management, not in Bankstown not anywhere!** campaign.



“...we visited Northern Territory to gather information about the impacts of Income Management. We met with Aboriginal communities and talked about the impacts of Northern Territory Intervention not only Income Management.”

Semra Guler
*Regional Resource Worker
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Find out more at
www.sayno2gim.info and www.greensmps.org.au/im



“Government’s role is to provide support to people, not to deprive them of the means to survive.”

Greens NSW MP Jan Barham

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Join the campaign to **Say 'NO' to income management, not in Bankstown not anywhere!**

Visit www.sayno2gim.info to endorse the campaign and sign the petition.

Find and like on Facebook and follow on Twitter @say_no_2_gov_im

Tell the decision-makers what you think

Write to your local MPs and Federal Ministers. As income management requires the support of State Governments, also write to the NSW Premier and NSW Minister for Family and Community Services.

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“Centrelink will be micromanaging people’s budgets and those caught up in the scheme will be forced to queue separately to other people in shops. This is a top down, paternalistic initiative which is reminiscent of darker times, a deeply disrespectful and shameful way to treat people.”

Greens Senator Lee Rhiannon

