

# WHAT DOES THE FEDERAL BUDGET MEAN FOR YOUNG AUSTRALIANS?

## What has been promised for 4.1 million young Australians and what's missing?

### Mental Health Services

\$737m **total** for mental health services.  
\$461m for youth mental health and suicide prevention  
\$111m to build 30 new **headspace** services  
\$152m to reduce **headspace** waiting lists  
\$54m for specialist eating disorder facilities



### What was missed?

**No** change to Youth Allowances or Newstart  
**No** national strategy to address housing affordability and availability for young people  
**No** national plan to end youth homelessness  
**No** commitment for a Minister for Youth  
**No** funded peak body for young people  
**No** national plan to address youth affairs

### Education and employment



Record growth funding for schools  
\$200m to create 80,000 new apprenticeships  
\$62m foundation skills pilot program for remote areas

### What does this mean?

This budget promises to provide much needed support for youth mental health and education, but it doesn't effectively address some of the key issues that impact young Australians.

These include housing affordability and availability, underemployment, youth homelessness and the cost of living.