

Update: Decision in CPAG legal case to Human Rights Review Tribunal

Legal proceedings: In-Work Tax Credit - summary

Child Poverty Action Group is bringing a legal case alleging the In-Work Tax Credit discriminates against many of New Zealand's poorest children.

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Legal proceedings: In-Work Tax Credit discrimination

18 Dec 2008

This decision confirms that real and substantive discrimination exists in the IWTC. The decision is from the Human Rights Review Tribunal. Yet the Tribunal has also decided the discrimination is justified. At least 200 000 of our poorest children are affected. NB this is a large file (6.5Mb).

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Human rights legal decision: In-Work Tax Credit discriminatory

The Child Poverty Action Group is seeking a meeting with the Government following a decision released by the Human Rights Review Tribunal that the In-Work Tax Credit (IWTC) discriminates against some 200,000 of the most deprived children in New Zealand.

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Tapu Misa: Time to think of the children

The girls down the road, aged about 8 to 12, look well cared for, clean and neatly dressed, if a little ravenous and rough-mannered at times. They're always grateful, though, when you give them food to take home... Never mind the incentivising; it's time to think of the children, says Tapu Misa.

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St John: Legal case for discrimination in In-Work Tax Credit

Dr Susan St John explained CPAG's legal case alleging discrimination in the In-Work Tax Credit, in Auckland, to The Law & Economics Association of New Zealand (LEANZ) with Buddle Findlay. View her presentation here.

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Redundancy package needs a rethink

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Child Poverty Action Group says National's package extending the In-Work Tax Credit to families where earners are made redundant is an admission that families are unable to meet basic costs under the present social security system.

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For more background to the CPAG case, see

[http://www.cpag.org.nz/campaigns/Child Tax Credit IWP.html](http://www.cpag.org.nz/campaigns/Child_Tax_Credit_IWP.html)

Spotlight on education:

Underachievement is about more than attitudes

Poverty, the resources parents can bring to their children's schooling, and the aspirations and expectations held by both parents and their children all count towards achievement at school, says CPAG's Prof. Martin Thrupp

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Reinstate healthy food in schools, says CPAG

Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) has called on the government to reconsider its decision to allow schools to sell junk food.

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Briefings:

Briefing to Incoming Government

CPAG say is imperative that the new government give children in low-income families the support they need during what is likely to be a protracted period of slow growth and unemployment. Those needs include decent, secure housing, financial support and equitable access to health services and education.

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DEUN on energy poverty - briefing to incoming government

The percentage of city dwellers in potential energy poverty has doubled since 2001. The Domestic Energy Users Network recommends elimination of energy poverty in New Zealand through a combination of crisis payments to the most vulnerable home energy consumers and fairer electricity and gas tariffs, plus a long-term programme of home energy retrofits.

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Seeking admin whizz...

CPAG is looking for a new part-time Administrator. The position is 16-20 hours employment per week and Auckland-based. It would best suit a flexible person with strong communication and administrative skills. This is a core CPAG role, and we are looking for someone wanting to contribute their energies and abilities to a committed team working in the interests of all children but especially the most disadvantaged. Please send expressions of interest to CPAG Director Janfrie Wakim, jwakim@xtra.co.nz or requests for a job description to Rachel Somerfield admin@cpag.org.nz

A new way to help CPAG

You can now donate to CPAG, and tell other people why they should too, at <http://www.givealittle.co.nz/org/CPAG>

To link in directly with the Whangarei child poverty action network, contact Ngaire ngaire@manaiapho.co.nz.

In Wellington contact Mary marytrevor.mowbray@paradise.net.nz

Let CPAG know about your local child poverty-related events: email Rachel admin@cpag.org.nz

Thanks for your help

CPAG needs ongoing financial support to sustain its research and advocacy programme and to raise awareness of poverty in NZ. Many thanks to those who support us in this important work. Please send donations to Box 56-150 Mt Eden, Auckland or bank directly into our Kiwibank account 38-9003-0066858-00.

CPAG thanks the JR McKenzie Trust and Hostel of the Holy Name Trust for ongoing support. CPAG does not accept funds from the proceeds of gambling.

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