

All Australian's should have the right to healthy, affordable and culturally acceptable food

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No one should be disadvantaged by the food that they have to eat, to be able to live in their house...

But at times you have to choose between food or your house, or your warmth, or the internet for your children.

You shouldn't have to. You should be able to do it all.

We don't live in a third world country, but sometimes parts of it feel like it is”

- Single mother living in regional Victoria



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Price Increases from 2020 to 2023

(Overall increase of 6-10% per year)



+55%



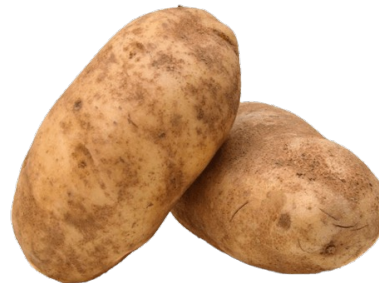
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A vertical photograph on the left side of the slide. It shows a family of four (a woman, two children, and a man) walking away from the camera on a beach. They are holding hands and their silhouettes are dark against the bright, golden light of a sunset. The sky is filled with large, dramatic clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong reflection on the water. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

A healthy diet costs
>\$600/fortnight



FOOD INSECURITY

In 2023: 3.7 million
Australian households (36%)
experienced moderate to
severe food insecurity (10%
increase)

FoodBank Hunger Report 2023

“Our cultural food is healthy, but we can't afford it because it's too expensive”

- African Australian young person



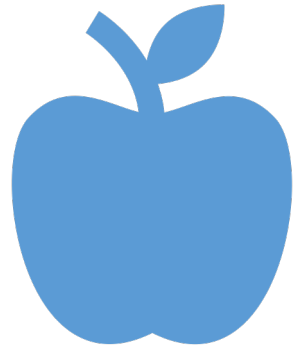
Zorbas and Muse, 2024

FoodPATH - high and growing costs of healthy, staple foods are a major barrier to good nutrition



Browne et al, 2023

What needs to be done?



Bring the price of
healthy staple foods
down



Raise the job seeker
rate