



Budget measures will adversely affect low income and vulnerable women, including many women living in regional and rural areas. **Women in caring roles, in the workforce, students** and those in **modest and low income households** will be most impacted by proposed Budget savings¹.

- An unemployed single mother with an eight-year-old child loses \$54 per week or 12 per cent of her disposable income.
- Single mothers earning around two-thirds of the average wage lose between 5.6 per cent and 7 per cent of their disposable income.
- An unemployed 23-year-old female loses \$47 a week or 18 per cent of her disposable income.
- Employed women using Family Day Care face an immediate price rise in the order of \$30+ per week per child.
- The increase in child care fees and reduction in hours of subsidised childcare for parents in JET - Jobs, Education & Training will discourage participation in work and training.
- Changes to further education funding and housing security are likely to impact women disproportionately².
- Bulk billing is already difficult to access in small towns across Victoria's NE and Goulburn Valley.³ Co-payments would create yet another barrier to affordable health care for rural women and young people, especially vulnerable groups and those living on low incomes.
- During 2013-2014, Victoria Police responded to over 1,500 family violence reports in the Ovens Murray area - a 12% increase. (Wangaratta, Moira, Wodonga, Indigo, Alpine & Towong)

¹ National Foundation for Australian Women, Budget 2014-15- A GENDER LENS:

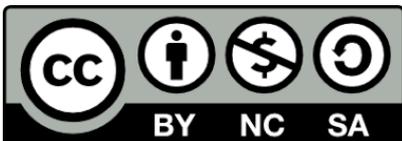
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² <http://www.smh.com.au/business/federal-budget/environmental-studies-fees-to-rise-112-per-cent-20140515-38cwf.html>

³ WHGNE, Rural Women's Access to Family Planning Services-Hume Region

http://www.wealth.com.au/documents/publications/whp-Final-Hume-Region-Rural-Womens_Access.pdf





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