Everybody in Australia should have a roof over their head and food on the table.

But that is not the case.

Over 3 million people in Australia, including three quarters of a million children, are living in poverty.

THE FACTS
13.6% or 3.24 million people live in poverty.

That is 1 in 8 Australians.

1 in 6 Australian children

774,000 children under the age of 15

THE POVERTY LINE
for a single adult is $457 per week

The single rate of Newstart (plus Rent Assistance) is $117 per week below the poverty line.

for a couple with 2 children is $960 per week

The Federal Government can reduce poverty by boosting growth in jobs, increasing Newstart and Rent Assistance, and investing in social housing to ensure everyone has a safe place to call home.