

## Labor's social policy reform process

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On 28 February 2014 Shadow Minister for Families & Payments [the Hon Jenny Macklin MP](#) announced Labor's new social policy reform process. The process will consider how the social support system can be reformed in light of contemporary policy challenges.

The social policy reform process will involve a series of roundtable discussions and policy workshops with distinguished Australians which will aim to develop solutions to current social policy issues. The discussions and workshops will bring together social policy experts, economists, academics, business and union leaders.

The process will examine the adequacy of the current social support system to address issues such as secure employment, stable family relationships and home ownership. In particular, it will look at barriers to workforce participation and support for women with children, people with disability, Indigenous Australians, young people and older Australians.

The solutions developed will build on Labor's policies in government, including introducing the first national paid parental leave scheme, investment in childhood education and care, reform of the pension system, policy measures to combat Indigenous disadvantage and the introduction of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

The process will form a critical part of the Opposition's policy reform work, and will shape the policies the Australian Labor Party takes to the next Federal election.

The Shadow Minister's press release is available [here](#).

The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on the former Labor Government's National Disability Insurance Scheme is available [here](#).

The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on the former Labor Government's *Living Longer Living Better Plan: Reform of Australia's Aged Care Sector* is available [here](#).