

**SRSS – Update 4 May 2018**  
*Summary of briefing from Pamela Curr*

*“Not since the DEPRESSION in the 1930's has an Australian government so deliberately set out to deliberately impoverish a group of people including children.” Pamela Curr*

**Changes to Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) program**

- 13,299 people could be affected by this change to SRSS.
- This includes 4,059 children (age 0- 17 years).

TSUNAMI of Homelessness and Poverty set to hit from JUNE 4

- Key dates for implementation cascade through May.
- A *Tsunami* of cuts will hit on June 4 - families will have 4 weeks to "transition off SRSS".
- People seeking asylum by boat or air are all to be included, but this especially targets the Legacy Caseload group, the sick and vulnerable, and parents with sick children as access to medicines and care will be cut.

Two Stages will affect people in the community who are going through the visa process:

1. Single people
2. Families with children

The Information has dribbled out through agencies and the people affected.

- This limits community response.
- Many Liberal MP's are ignorant as to what is planned.
  - We must make sure they know what is being done.

Action –

1. Read the information from the Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA)
  - RCOA – **Briefing Note 17 April 2018**  
<https://www.ruralaustraliansforrefugees.org.au/news/>
  - RCOA – **Briefing Note 24 April 2018**  
<https://www.ruralaustraliansforrefugees.org.au/news/>
2. **Contact your local MP and your local media.**
  - **We have to act now.**

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Pamela Curr – 3rd May 2018