



The Honourable Anthony Albanese  
Prime Minister  
Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

3 April 2026

Dear Prime Minister,

**Re: Budget 2026**

I write as the Coordinator of the Josephite Justice Network, a ministry of the Congregations of the Sisters of St Joseph. We serve, educate, advocate and work for justice, for earth and for all peoples.

On St Joseph's Day, the Josephite Justice Network and the Justice and Peace Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney launched our 150 Day Housing and Homelessness campaign to respond to Australia's housing and homelessness crisis.

The deepening concern about the accelerating wealth gap in this country, the injustices of our tax system, the intergenerational divide, the lack of housing affordability and resultant homelessness are concerning many Australians. As you are aware, the call for a budget that creates a fairer deal for all Australians has gathered speed in recent weeks. Even with the crises in the middle East, this call has not abated.

The Josephite Justice Network is urging the Government to enact three changes:

1. To reform the taxation system so that it will repair capital gains tax and negative gearing, and ensure that big corporations and the wealthiest Australians pay their fair share
2. To urgently increase the amount of public (social) housing in this country
3. To provide additional support to women over 55 and families with children.

As the call for significant reform intensifies and the concern that the well-known caution of your Government will limit the changes that are so desperately needed, we urge you, Prime Minister, to produce a budget that can create new possibilities for Australians and give hope to the many people who are being held back by those current unfair taxation realities.

We have been heartened by your commitment in your National Press Club address this week: *Even as we plan and build for this stronger more resilient future, our number one priority remains helping people with the cost of living. That is the balance we will strike in next month's Budget. It is our Government's most important Budget to date and it will be our most ambitious.*

*It has to be.*

*The scale of the challenge facing us and the breadth of opportunities ahead of us demands that ambition and that urgency. And our Australian character demands that ambition too.*

It is our sincere hope that this is fundamental to your judgement and action, and that these principles will guide your decisions and those of your Government at this critical time.

Know that you have our support in advocating for a fairer world for all of us now, and for future generations. The question for all of us must be faced. What sort of country will our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren inherit, if we continue to refuse to act for justice and a fair deal for all.

Yours in hope and anticipation,



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