

Transition to Work Consultation Paper - Additional Feedback – Anglicare SA

Question:

What issues, if any, do you see with making attendance at the first appointment subject to the income support payment suspension mechanism?

Response:

- An initial appointment can be rescheduled several times by a young person who has not commenced with the service. As rescheduling is completed by the Transition to Work consultant, the payment suspension mechanism may appear to be coming from the Transition to Work provider. This may be confusing for the young person, and may add to misinformation about the service.

- Where the suspension of income support has commenced, and as identified above, a young person may need to reschedule an appointment several times, this could impact on the young person's financial ability to support themselves, in turn, creating additional barriers and immediate crisis that impact on the young person's ability to gain employment. The impact of income support suspension could further impact
 - Housing & accommodation
 - Mental Health
 - Travel via public transport or car
 - Ensure they can eat regularly to maintain health
 - Pay their bills on time and not accrue debt
 - Their vulnerability to financial abuse
 - May be vulnerable to maladaptive ways to earn money