



Slaughtering Jobseeker

Dear Editor, One of Australia's biggest meat corporations says JobSeeker is too generous! Some of us might imagine that paying the rent or mortgage and feeding the family on \$550 a week (soon to be reduced to \$400) would not be a bed of roses. But the corporate and industry affairs manager of Teys says this is making people "a little bit too comfortable". In his mind, the rate should be slashed further, so people will be forced to work in their hellish slaughterhouses, where COVID-19 has been spreading rapidly. There they will spend their days killing terrified animals, at processing speeds that guarantee suffering for both the workers and the animal victims. Here's a better plan – instead of forcing people into poverty so they can keep the conveyor belts moving, cut the meat from your shopping list, and let's close down these grim death factories. Desmond Bellamy
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