

What are the problems with the current systems?

The current system causes disadvantage to singles. As a single, I don't think that the rules for couples or families should be disproportionate to that of singles. An example of this is the medical expenses claim and medical benefits scheme. A single person needs to have \$1500 of medical expenses before they can claim a 20% rebate for anything over \$1500. This is the same amount for a couple or a family. This also applies to the safety net amount which is the same for a single or a couple/family.

What reforms do we need to address those problems?

The amount a single person needs to reach for both medical expenses and safety net should be proportionate to that of a couple/family. This is the case for the Medicare levy and should apply across the board. It is not fair to disadvantage singles who are looking after themselves financially.

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