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| First name | Maria | | Surname | Marzella | |
| Age | 41-50 | Gender | Female | State | QLD |
| Occupation (if available) | Teacher | | | | |
| Text of submission | <p>My name is Maria I am a 50yo female who has an 8 year old daughter that I sole parent. I live in rented accommodation which I sometimes supplement by taking in overseas students. I am a member of Teachers Union QLD. I currently have no work whilst I wait for casual and day relief positions to become available. Fortunately, I have a sole parent pension and child support to see me through. My financial security is a constant and debilitating worry. Earlier in the year, I had a fulltime contract at the local school which was not renewed. This really shook my self-worth and confidence. I felt unsupported for a person new to teaching (I did a 1yr Graduate Diploma in Education in 2009) plus my effort to do my best caused a level of stress that I did not recognise or manage. I continued taking any contract that became available including positions that were distant from home or that I had little/no experience in (Special Education). By August, I could not function in my role and have spent the latter part of this year trying to regain my confidence and lift myself out of a depression to have another go at working as a teacher, a lab assistant (I have qualifications in this) or even working in admin or as a courier driver! I have a number of Qualifications including Assoc Diploma in teaching, Bachelor of Science and Graduate Diploma in Education. I have 10 years experience in laboratories and 10 years working in the water industry, I have worked in private, local and state departments...I have no luck in even getting an interview! I have considered heading to the mines - but would have to ask a family member to look after my daughter while I worked...I'm not sure that this would be fair on my daughter - I am sure having one parent absent is enough for one so young. I have trouble working out what to do. I need activity and so have been doing Meals on wheels which is ok but I honestly need to be working - something that is constant and sustainable.</p> | | | | |

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