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Stronger Futures legislation also extended income management and the BasicsCard to new "trial sites" around Australia, including Bankstown in Sydney. But a strong campaign uniting Aboriginal people, community organisations, migrants and trade unions has helped hold this back.

The Public Service Association (PSA), who represent Child Protection workers in Bankstown, have voted to ban income management and have made no referrals. They are refusing to be part of the expansion of the racist NT Intervention. Bankstown has the lowest number of people on income management out of all the "trial sites".

Income management has been a disaster - but the government wants the system to cover even more people. New rules mean that from July 2013, compulsory income management will apply automatically to anyone in the NT and in Bankstown who is under 25 and exiting prison, along with young people who have an 'unable to live at home' status with Centrelink or who are on a 'special benefit' due to homelessness or other circumstances.

**If we act now we can stop this happening and defend the rights of some of the most vulnerable people in our community. Join us for a protest to demand an end to Apartheid-style policies in Australia.**

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