

## *10 stories to Premier in Sydney*

**Ten remarkable women will feature in the Sydney Premiere of documentary *10 Stories of Single Mothers* at the Chauvel this Thursday evening.**

*10 Stories* is the story of Wendy, Bianca, Dianne, Penny, Meredith, Kerry, Sarah, Barbara, Sam and Bienvenue who each share their unique circumstances and experiences with a common theme of courage and resilience while struggling to make ends meet. All of the women have been caught up in the unintended consequences of the Newstart policy.

Also premiering is the previously unreleased *Politicians Unite to Champion Change* – a recording of Members of Parliament voicing their concerns that Newstart is not helping struggling families sufficiently, and that it should be changed.

The evening will include conversations with an expert panel featuring ACOSS CEO Dr Cassandra Goldie, renowned social commentator Eva Cox, and Penny Wilson, one of the single mothers showcased in the documentary.

The *10 Stories* project is spearheaded by Terese Edwards, CEO of the National Council of Single Mothers and Their Children, who said she had been heartened by the support received from across the political spectrum.

“I am committed to the Australian community witnessing this support,” she said.

“There is clearly an emerging understanding amongst our elected representatives that this is a serious issue and change is needed to prevent these families from living in poverty.”

The team behind *10 stories* will also be on hand at the premiere and guests are invited to join in the conversation with them all including documentary maker Claire Stretch.

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:** Media outlets are invited to cover the launch.

*10 Stories is a collaboration between FilmStretch, The Snow Foundation, The National Council for Single Mothers and Their Children, Sydney Community Foundation, ACOSS and Documentary Australia Foundation.*



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