

# Report links poverty with poor health

By JO CHANDLER, medical reporter

Research by the Strategy has a overwhelming impact on the health of Australia. Disease, disability blow out at the socio-economic

Poor people are disabled, to illness, to have illness and to air health.

Compared with disadvantaged adults, death rates from influenza, bronchitis and asthma, four forms of heart disease and diabetes

Their children die from sudden infant death syndrome and hypoxia. Boys from areas are 164 per cent more likely to drown.

— 27 child deaths



## Families in \$4 million pledged to end child poverty

By JEFF SEXTON

se in the number of children growing up in poverty is creating tension, risking their health and poor performance, a new report

commissioned by the Department of Immigration Research Institute of Families in the Nation has found that major report on social welfare has received funding from the government.

More than 2 million Australians are living in poverty in 1990s, they have paid their housing costs, a single-parent family with a quarter of all renters and a quarter of all people younger than 24 years old. As a result, more than 500,000 Australian homes - or one in every 10 forms of housing assistance and 11,000 homeless people were sheltered in supported accommodation.

The report, *Assistance and Assistance*, defined a household as being in poverty if its weekly income was less than \$287.57

and released yesterday by the Institute of Health and Welfare.

Compiled by the first committee of the country's

Child poverty task force, it

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