

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

This petition of the undersigned residents of Australia draws the attention of the House to an issue affecting the portability of aged pensions. We feel we have spent our entire working lives in Australia and should be permitted to receive our pensions in manner that does not restrict our freedom to move.

We feel the Government should reconsider the decision to limit access to the pension for 6 weeks while overseas, and extend it to a period of three months, as it was originally.

We therefore ask the House to request the Government to:

1. Reassess the criteria of awarding aged care and disability pensions for Australians who wish to visit families overseas for a period longer than six weeks.