

To whom it may concern

Living in one of the most expensive city in Australia being Sydney the cost of living here has gone through the roof. Most of us cannot afford to buy and or rent in the area where we conduct our work and this has also added further cost such as tolls, higher public transport cost and vehicle maintenance. Some of us are now spending 2.5 hours travelling to work.

Not having a fair pay rise for three years that meets the higher rising cost of living in Sydney has put an enormous strain on myself and most of my colleagues.

This continues into family life as the stresses of not having enough money to pay bills or even buy those extras that you could once do. Some are forced to look for a part time job which then takes you away from your loved ones.

Not reaching an agreement that would help us and the rising cost seems to drag on and I can't understand why no one seems to list to our needs. 6% over three years in maths for me has already been spent. Then what we waste another three years to get more!

Moral at work has hit an all-time low. This in hand is affecting work performance and then industry is affected. All we want is for the Government to listen to the needs of staff and not just numbers we want a higher moral in the workplace, flexibility and fairness.

Regards

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