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Finally someone is going to do something about our situation..

I have been Unemployed since being retrenched in October 1997. I am applying for up to 10 jobs a fortnight. In this time I have had 4 weeks work, and only 3 interviews for jobs.

My resume can be sourced from Tony Abbott or Simon Crean. You will see from my resume, that I have done a lot to raise my skill levels to meet Industry Standards. There was no financial help to do this. I had to finance all this training from my Redundancy Pay, and Non Preserved, Superannuation. When I approached Centrelink for assistance, I was told that I didn't meet their criteria. I wasn't Long Term Unemployed, and I was too old, as the Retraining Schemes were for the younger jobseekers. I, and many of my friends, are desperate for assistance, as we are all broke, and in one hell of a bad way.

In my quest to have our plight recognised by govt., I have approached the following,

Mr Warren Truss
Peter Beatey
Simon Crean
Tony Abbott

I am faxing my letters, and the replies, as you will see, the reply from Warren Truss is as helpful as pockets on a singlet. Political garbage that is of no use to those of us over 40 seeking employment. To be fair, Simon Crean has been in touch over the phone, and Tony Abbott hasn't had enough time to reply, and I do believe he will.

I am also sending Jobs for Whom, which is a letter I sent to our local paper. [Chronicle]

I sincerely hope that you recognise the urgency of the situation facing us older jobseekers, as we are the ones with the mortgages, kids to rear, cars to pay off etc.