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Dr B Nelson
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Dear Sir,

I was reading with much interest
an article in the bulletin about over 40 unemployment
I am very interested in this area myself. I am
55 years old divorced in the last 5 years, and totally
cleared out by the family law court, lawyers
and my ex husband. \$55,000 to the ex, \$19,000
lawyer and the family law my causes for reducing me
to this.

I had to find work being on widow's
allowance with the bank in ex was a ball a
minute, this combined with Centrelink at Cannonvale
Qld. If they can't get the old unemployed to work
no one will. The young well that is a different
question - up here in Arlie Beach there isn't a
good day when the majority of them. The old
especially women are the backbone of the
tourist industry. \$10-\$11.00 per hour is the going
rate on the islands of the Whitsundays no public
holidays etc Work them hard is the idea it will

save Australia a fortune. They will collect the pension at appross 63-65 years, If we (the islands) was them had enough they will die at 66 years old. Great states treasury there spec their small sum in super (after all it is only a small amount) Their children are not interested in that Treasury will make of that

If I leave this job on the islands I will wait 12 weeks for unemployment benefits. The management of the islands states an older person leaves of their own free will. Thus no benefits are able to be paid. Callusion no way that's illegal, and management up here is totally legal with everything.

To get my position as a room attendant I had to have year 10 education with 6 months experience. The young have special school education ADD disorders, etc, but it doesn't matter they are young. What is wrong with you, when you ask questions about their work ability. You get told don't discriminate. I like to work with people who can make a phone call if we find a guest in a room who is ill, needs a doctor or help. It doesn't matter, doesn't it it could be me on the floor having a heart attack, while the young one can't work

out how to dial 5 to get help

In a week of working with these people I clean 88 bathrooms approx. Working with these people is - discrimination is the way unless your partner does nothing and you do the lot. After all you are 55 years old you are use to hard work. Hard work never killed anyone I just don't want to prove this idea.

Granted I am the oldest unemployed, but give us a break. - I am tired of carrying the yoke, the unending and the downright joy of this country. Sorry I forgot the disrespectful as well.

Government policy is to make sure the old unemployed women over 50 are pushed by Crestlink, management of the islands into an early grave. There are plenty of us and who gives a damn about us. At least I don't smoke so I can't hurry up my death that way. The only hope of early death is hard work or a car accident.

Remains yours faithfully
Sue Smith