

TO THE HONOURABLE ~~THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS~~ OF THE HOUSE
OF THE REPRESENTATIVES ASSEMBLED IN THE PARLIAMENT:

This petition of certain Citizens of Australia originally from Latvia

draws to the attention of the House the following:

Since the end of the Second World War, many Latvians have immigrated to Australia permanently and have settled here becoming Australian citizens and raising their families.

However, for many decades we, Latvians, have sought to receive our Pension Entitlements from our country of origin, Latvia, without success. Many of us had worked for period of between 15 and 35 years whilst in Latvia. To the present, all our efforts on behalf of our community through the Government of Latvia's Diplomatic representative here have been unsuccessful.

We are aware that other Latvian residents in the United States of America, Germany and other countries receive their pension entitlements.

We therefore ask the House, to seek whatever can be undertaken within both Governmental and Diplomatic avenues to raise these issues with the Latvian Government counterparts.

This is sought to make the anomaly that prevails addressed and justified entitlements available to those whom have given a majority of their working life to Latvia in the recent past. It is with request that we seek a just and equitable resolution to this matter.