

To The Secretary

Re: Commonwealth Seniors Card

I wish to submit the following facts for consideration re the income limits set to enable non-pensioners to qualify for the above card.

1. Income limits have not been increased for several years or possibly since the card was introduced (not even CPI adjustments)
2. An added anomaly now exists in that most superannuation pensions and in particular most State Government pensions, are now taxfree and the pension does not count towards the \$80,000 for couples, whereas former Commonwealth Public servants still pay tax (less 10% rebate) on their superannuation pensions and therefore their pensions still count as taxable income in calculating the \$80,000.

In view of the above facts, I request that urgent consideration be given to

1. Increasing qualifying amounts to correct years of non-action
2. Excluding all superannuation pensions from calculation of the qualifying amounts

Yours faithfully

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