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SENATE INQUIRY INTO COST OF LIVING FOR OLDER AUSTRALIANS

Dear Sir,

I HEREBY MAKE THE FOLLOWING SUBMISSIONS AND FACTS REGARDING THE ABOVE SUBJECT.

THE FOLLOWING - FRUIT, VEGETABLES, PETROL, PHONE, ELECTRICITY, GAS, & LOCAL GOVT COUNCIL RATES ARE ALL UP 15% APPROX IN THE REAL TERMS OF THE COST OF INFLATION. - NOT THE CALCULATIONS THAT THE ABS (ALSO BUREAU OF STATISTICS) OR THE FEDERAL TREASURY ACCEPTS ON AN ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF SUCH. (THIS IS A FORECASTED ASSESSMENT WHICH MAY OR NOT MAY OCCUR, DEPENDING ON A VARIOUS & FLUCTUATIONS OF THE ECONOMY, THIS IS INDEED FACTUAL, NOT WHAT MAY OR MAYNOT HAPPEN.

THOUGH THE REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL, FEDERAL MP'S HAVE IN THE PAST 2 YEARS HAVE IN FACT BEEN GIVEN VAST INCREASES TO THEIR SALARIES + IN FACT THE LAST INCREASE OF 6.7% WHICH FLOWS ONTO STATE MP'S & POSSIBLY LOCAL GOVT.

IT WOULD BE NICE IF THE AGED PENSIONERS COULD HAVE THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATIONS TRIBUNAL GO INTO PAY FOR THEM.

THE OVERSEAS AID HANDED OUT BY BOTH SIDES OF GOVT OVER THE PAST 20 000 YEARS IS WAY OUT OF HAND AND INSTEAD OF OVERSEAS AID - WHAT ABOUT GIVING SOMETHING IN THE WAY OF HANDOUTS TO THE AGED PENSIONERS AND VETERANS WHO HAVE PAID TAXES & DEFENDED THIS COUNTRY FOR THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE.

THE FOLLOWING PAGE IS FOR YOUR PERUSAL AND THE MANY PENSIONERS AND VETERANS WILL LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR FAVOURABLE RESPONSE.

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FOR THE AGED & VETERAN PENSIONERS THE REQUEST IS AS FOLLOWS. FOR THIS SUBMISSION.

"THE PENSIONERS AND VETERANS BE AWARDED AN EXTRA PAYMENT PER YEAR (INDEXED ^{CPI} YEARLY) ALONG WITH THE TWICE YEARLY (INDEXED TO THE CPI) THIS COULD POSSIBLY BE REGARDED AS "HOLIDAY PAY"."

TO NAME A FEW - THE NETHERLANDS & BRITAIN GIVE THEIR SUBJECTS THIS AFFORDABILITY, SO WHY CAN'T AUSTRALIA DO THE SAME??

FURTHER FUNERAL EXPENSES HAVE SKYROCKETED - ANOTHER UNFORSEEN EXPENSE TO THE PENSIONERS WHO CAN'T SAVE FOR THIS EVENT, BUT STILL JUST MANAGE TO GET THRU BY BORROWING TO BURY OR CREMATE THEMSELVES OR PARTNERS.

IT IS TIME FOR DECISION MAKING WHICH NO POLITICIAN OF ANY STANDING ^{CAN} DO THESE DAYS, DUE TO SO MANY COMMITTEES WHO DRAW THE EVENTS OF THE DAY OUT ONLY TO BE PAID FOR IT - UNREMARKABLE.

THE CURRENT COMMITTEE SHOULD BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH A FINDING WITHIN 4 MONTHS ($\frac{1}{3}$ OF A YEAR) AND BEFORE THE NEXT ELECTION.

I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR EARLY REPLY AND DECISIONS FROM YOUR COMMITTEE OR THE MEDIA.

SPEAKING FROM ALL AGED & VETERANS WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF OUR SUBMISSION

YOURS TRULY
