

Sir/Madam,

I wish to add to the common knowledge that price increases of the past 3 years have made life very difficult indeed these increases are felt by all older Australians, these include petrol, transport, vehicle registration in QLD, and of course the food price escalation and with only COLES and WOOLWORTHS setting the prices competition is not evident, a major factor here in an out lying suburb of Brisbane is the local rates, at nearly \$2000 on a very modest home, another factor we find every year is finding money for dental work...we never find the money...

This may sound like a winge but be assured I can vouch for every one of these increases, don't forget that folk of my age 65-70 had NO superannuation opportunity to bank a nest egg, right now we face heavy increases in electricity, gas, water and of course a rates increase and I truly believe it's not a case of living but an attempt to exist at a reasonable level...we do without petrol and dental work but food and electricity and council rates we just try and budget to get by..I have all receipts for our outgoing expenses...

yours Truly
John.Thomas. JP.