

TO ELTON HUMPHREY COMMITTEE SECRETARY
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

DEAR ELTON.,
KEVIN RUDD HAS SUGGESTED I
WRITE TO YOU RE THE COST OF LIVING FOR
OLDER AUSTRALIANS.

AS A PENSIONER WHO LIVES ON
SOCIAL SECURITIES "OLD AGE PENSION" \$230 PER WK.
I NOW REALISE THAT PENSIONERS WHO GET SMALL
INCREASES IN THE PENSION ARE FALLING BEHIND
IN LIVING STANDARDS SINCE THE GST. CAME IN.
WE DO HAVE TO PAY THIS GST LIKE ALL WORKERS
DO & OUR INCREASES DO NOT KEEP UP WITH THE COST
OF LIVING A SIMPLE LIVING.

ELTON, IF YOU COULD ARRANGE FOR SOMEONE TO
GO TO THE TELEGRAPH PAPER RECORDS & HAVE THEM
GO BACK TO THE START WHEN THE G-S-T CAME IN
& HAVE THEM CHECK PRICES SAY FOR A SIMPLE LIVING
UP TO TODAY'S DATE - THEN CHECK THEM AGAINST OUR
INCREASES FOR THE SAME TIME & YOU WILL SEE
THAT WE ARE NOW THE FORGOTTEN RACE.

PLEASE HAVE THEM STICK TO THE SAME BRANDS
OF FOOD - CLOTHES - PETROL^{& OIL} - ELECTRICITY - GAS - WATER
PHONE - CHEMIST - CAR REPAIRS - HOUSE & CAR INSURANCE
ELTON, THIS IS THE CORRECT & SMARTEST WAY FOR
YOU TO GET EVIDENCE FOR YOUR COMMITTEE & I
GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL FIND OUT THAT PENSIONERS

ARE FALLING WAY BEHIND.

I MUST ADMIT THAT I GOT A SHOCK WHEN EVEN JOHN HOWARD SAID THAT THE LOW PAID WORKERS DESERVED THEIR INCREASE OF \$27 A FEW MONTHS BACK.

I READ IN THE PAPER A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO THAT GREENS LEADER BOB BROWN SAID PENSIONERS DESERVED A \$30 PER WEEK INCREASE.

GOOD LUCK GERTON & PLEASE GET TO THE TRUTH OF THINGS BY DOING THIS SIMPLE EXERCISE FOR PENSIONERS. ALL THE BEST.

YOURS FAITHFULLY
Mick Jones.