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The Secretary
Senate Community Affairs Committee
P.O. Box. 6100.
Parliament House.
Canberra. A.C.T. 2600.

Re: Inquiry into the cost of living Pressures on
Older Australians.

I believe that after a certain age - perhaps 75 -
Self-funded Retirees who have contributed in work
and taxes over the years should receive the benefit
of a pension or part pension
I qualify on the income test \$26,000 for year-ended
2006. but exceed the assets test JUST If my spouse
was alive we would both receive a pension or
part pension as both the income and assets would
be divided. There is very little relief for a single
self-funded retiree who apart from food has the
same expenses - gas, light, rates, house maintenance,
car, insurance etc. as a couple and I feel that
a single Senior is discriminated against by
comparison to coupled Seniors.

Yours faithfully,
Constance R. Wells

Copy to Jenny Macklin.