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The Secretary
Senate Community Affairs Committee

Dear Sir,

As an Age Pensioner who worked and reared 5 children as a Single Mother and ~~was~~ in the Period of my employment Women never paid super until the last couple of years of my employment, as a result I would like to make a submission to the Inquiring

I managed to own my own home but on \$530 a fortnight it is a real struggle to make ends meet.

Since the G.S.T came in I still have to pay the same as Wage Earners earning high wages. The cost of living is going up week by week. Groceries, Fruit & Vegetables I have a small car which is a plus as Petrol is not cheap. Like many homeowners these are the Rates → Land & Water plus my Electric & Gas Bill & Phone. Even though I receive a Rebate it doesn't compensate for the Pension which you must understand there are a lot of Pensioners who are finding it difficult to have a quality of life. Even Pensioners who don't own their home are finding it hard. I feel the Government of both Liberal & Labor should take note, as we were all taxpayers while working and

still paying Tax with the G.S.I.

I do hope this Submission will throw
some light on how the Pensioners are
 coping and need to be taken notice
of as we are all voters.

Yours Sincerely

Catherine Laing