

17th July, 2007.

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



Dear Secretary, One is writing promptly to the gracious letter of Jenny Macklin, M.P. who without hesitation wrote to me and showed straightfoward how much she cared & was interested in the welfare of those of us who have become older but did much for Australia & still care.

My grateful thanks for this response & care.

To procede one was not always a Pensioner, but now been as such it is necessary one should speak up to where it appears there are those who care & realize the great strength in looking after them & receiving their powerful support.

My people have lived at this address since

Good Friday 1874 & descendants are still their pulling
their weight & taking care of the Land & Nature.

Well done Member for Jagajaga. Please show
us some support & all our oars will pull for you
as you strain in the good crew to reach the line
with distinction.

When one was full of youthful dynamite much was
so much easier.

We live thirty miles from Town. My wife & former
triple certificate nurse.

Having had five hip replacements, two laminectomies
& spinal fusion, three nervous breakdowns & many more
happenings. Unfortunately one has had 3 knee replacements
a kidney out for cancer, maintained a pretty sound
body, myself otherwise.

Fuel has escalated beyond belief, car maintenance,
car insurance, health insurance, Funeral Insurance
dental care, showing some care for family when one can.

My Grandfather at 81 years still rode a spightly
young horse, a strong powerful man who was
well known as a strong part of community.

One offers our grateful thanks for the one off
payment as given in Federal Budget.

My Father died when I was ten but my Mother
& Uncle saw my sister & myself had good
educations & this helped us & our community.

Your letter impressed me & offer my support to your goodness to see continued help is given to those who may be in Penions. On scrutiny it will be found one has given much with honour & dignity to the good of our great Land.

As with great vigour you approach the coming Election, show support for that older number who can give you a great shove & often not realised.

Your continued interest will be of a great benefit & some day I may meet you.

"In meliore Contendi" To strive for better things.