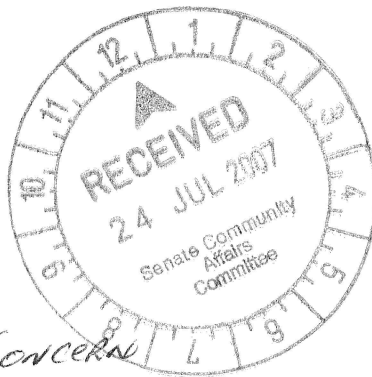


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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

MR ELTON HUMPHREY

SIR,

I HAVE WRITTEN THE HONOURABLE MARK RUCI AND RECEIVED A VERY COURTEOUS QUICK REPLY TO MY LETTER, HE ADVISED ME TO SEND MY OBJECTIONS IN WRITING TO YOU. I HAVE LISTED BELOW A FEW OF THE AMENITIES THAT WE HAVE AS PENSIONERS THAT HAVE TO PAY IN LIFE, WHICH INCLUDED GST, THAT HAS ERODED THE (GREAT) PENSION WE RECEIVE FROM THE HOWARD FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

AS RETIREES WE HAVE PAID OUR TAXES TO THE COMMON WEALTH IN ALL THE YEARS WE HAVE WORKED, NOW THEY STILL WANT TO TAX US YOU CANNOT GET BLOOD FROM A STONE. PLUS WE HAVE STAMP DUTY AND LEVIES ON TOP OF THE GST IN THIS STATE. I BELIEVE THE GST WAS INTRODUCED SO WE WOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY ALL THESE TAXES SUCH AS STAMP DUTY AND LEVIES, THE STATE ARE HAVING TWO BITES OF THE ENERGY. HOW CAN WOOLWORTH MAKE 29 MILLION DOLLARS PROFIT WITH ONLY 21 MILLION PEOPLE RESIDING IN AUSTRALIA. IN REGARDS TO PETROL THE GOVERNMENT CHARGES EXCISE AND GST PER LITRE AGAIN TWO BITES AT THE CHERRY. I HAVE ESTIMATED THAT I HAVE ROUGHLY PAID \$3500 IN GST AND STAMP LEVIES IN THE LAST YEAR, SO THE \$500 FEDERAL PENSION BONUS MEANS THEY ARE STILL IN FRONT. THE COST OF THE GST IS ASTRONOMICAL TO PENSIONERS. THE LIST OF EVERY ISSUES ARE "FOOD" INSURANCE, GAS, PHONE, ELECTRICITY, PETROL, COUNCIL RATES, REGISTRATIONS, DRIVERS LICENCES AND ENJOYMENT. ALSO I WOULD YOU TO LOOKING A HOUSE MAINTANCE PAYMENT FOR OWN HOME OWNERS, AS I THINK IT IS UNFAIR FOR PEOPLE WHO RENT AND GET RENT ASSISTANT WHEN THEY HAVE NO REPAIRS & PRICE ARE GOING UP & UP HR B HR NOT DAY.

Yours Sincerely
R.G. Draper