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The Secretary
Senate Community Affairs Committee
Parliament House A.C.T.



Dear Committee

Re: Inquiry into the cost of living pressures for
older Australians.

Thank you for acknowledging my
submission in your letter dated 16 July 2007

In my submission I emphasized the
effect of dramatic increases in the cost of
rental accommodation. To highlight my
personal concern I enclose a copy of Rent
Increase Notice received three days after I
posted my submission.

Basically I have little alternatives other
than to pay the increase of \$20/weeks which
increases my annual rental cost from \$9,360 →
to \$10,400. This cost represents a huge slice
of the Age Pension.

As previously advised, if I did not have
the additional income from two small
Allocated Pensions there is no way I could
live in rented accommodation.

Yours sincerely

Ralph R Foote