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DEAR SIR YOUR HONOUR THE PRIME MINISTER.

MY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ARE A LITTLE DELAYED ON YOUR GREAT VICTORY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN PARTY AND ITS PEOPLE. I HAVE BEEN IN POOR HEALTH SO FORGIVE ME. I HOPE YOU CAN SURPASS THE TWO GREAT PRIME MINISTERS BEN CHERRY AND JOHN CURTIN WHO DID SO MUCH FOR OUR GREAT COUNTRY. AUSTRALIA NEEDS A PERSON OF YOUR GREAT CHARACTER, WHO IS FOR THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND WITH THE PEOPLE TILL THE END, I WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR GREAT JOURNEY.

I WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THE PLIGHT OF THE MARRIED PENSIONERS.

- 1 THE PROMOTION OF SPORTING EVENTS IN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIAN AND STATE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS, SOCCER, TOUR DOWN UNDER CYCLE RACE, CRICKET, AFL MATCHES WHICH ARE ALL SPONSORED BY HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES, THEY MUTUAL COMMUNITY MEDIBANK PRIVATE AND OTHER, THESE ARE ALL MAJOR SPONSORS AND IF THEY CAN AFFORD TO SPONSOR THESE EVENTS THEREFORE THEY MAKE A PROFIT WHICH SHOULD GO BACK TO THE PEOPLE WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUND AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT HAVE SUBSIDISE 30% OF MONEY TO THESE FUNDS.
- 2 STATE GOVERNMENTS WERE TOLD IF THEY GOT A PORTION OF THE GST THEN THEY WOULD HAVE TO ABOLISH SOME OF THEIR TAXES SUCH AS STAMP DUTY AND OTHER, BUT THEY HAVE NOT THIS IS HURTING THE PENSIONER AS THE PENSION IS BEING DEROGATORY TO THE FULL PENSION AS WE AS PENSIONERS PAY AROUND \$3000 - \$3500 TAXES A YEAR, AS WORKING PEOPLE IN THE PAST I BELIEVED WE HAD PAID ENOUGH TAXES.
- 3 RENT ASSISTANT IS NOT A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD SOME PENSIONERS GET UP TO \$200 PER FORTNIGHT. BUT DOMESTIC ONE HOME OWNER DO NOT RECEIVE ONLY COMMISSION ON OUR CAN CARD. I BELIEVE HOME OWNER (HOME OWNERS) SHOULD RECEIVE \$40 A WEEK TO KEEP THEIR HOME IN PROPER MAINTNANCE. A COUPON COULD BE ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EVERY 5 YEARS TO THE HOME OWNER, ATTENCE GIVEN TO THE TRADES PERSON TO DO THE REQUIRED WORK SIGNED BY BOTH THE HOME OWNER AND TRADES PERSON AFTER THE REQUIRED WORK IS FINALISED, THEN THE GOVERNMENT PAYS THE ACCOUNT.

4 I REGARD TO SINGLE PENSIONER GETTING MORE PENSION PAYMENT THAN MARRIED COUPLES, IT TAKE MORE TO FEED TWO THAN ONE, FOR EXAMPLE 1 LB BUTTER LAST ONE WEEK FOR A MARRIED COUPLE IT LAST 4 WEEKS FOR A SINGLE PERSON, HOW MANY SHOWER DOES A SINGLE PERSON HAVE COMPARED A COUPLE, HOW MANY CHOPS OR STEAK OR MEAT DOES A SINGLE PERSON EAT COMPARE TO A COUPLE. HOW MANY TOILET ROLL DOWNS A PERSON USE COMPARE TO A COUPLE. I REST MY CASE.

5 THE NEW UTILITIES ALLOWANCE IS A FARCE. A COUPLE GET \$125. BETWEEN THEM A SINGLE GET \$125 EACH (LEVEL PLAYING FIELD. NOT ON YOUR LIFE.)

6 PHONE ALLOWANCE SINGLE \$33 COUPLE \$33. WHICH EQUALS \$16.50 EACH

7. PHARMACY ALLOWANCE RESET TO \$5.00
SINGLE GET \$5.00 ALLOWANCE
COUPLE \$ 2.50 EACH SPEND MORE AT THE CHEMIST
AGAIN NOT A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD

THESE THINGS SHOULD BE BROUGHT IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE COST TO MARRIED COUPLE WHO ARE IN DNE NEED.

HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER ALL I HAVE BROUGHT TO YOUR NOTICE.

I REMAIN A TRUE ALP
SUPPORTER

Yours
Ken Taylor