



SENATOR GARY HUMPHRIES
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Dear SENATOR HUMPHRIES,

IT IS MY HOPE THAT THIS LETTER ARRIVES BEFORE ANY DECISION IS MADE REGARDING THE INCREASE TO THE AGED PENSION. I AM A 51 YEAR OLD MALE AND I RECEIVE A SINGLE DISABILITY SUPPORT PENSION AND MY COSTS, AND THE COST OTHER PEOPLE ON A DISABILITY SUPPORT PENSION ALSO INCREASES. I WRITE TO YOU AFTER READING AN ARTICLE IN THE COUNCIL-MAIL DATED 9/2/2008 THAT ONLY SEEMS TO COVER "THE AGED" PENSION. ANY INCREASE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ALL SINGLE PENSIONERS. I STATE THIS BECAUSE A SHORT TIME AGO MR HOWARD GAVE AGED PENSIONERS A \$500 ONE OFF INCREASE TO HELP WITH THE BILLS, WELL I DIDN'T GET THIS AND MY EXPENSES ARE NO DIFFERENT TO AGED PENSIONERS.

I WOULD ASK YOUR INQUIRY TO LOOK AT THIS DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE AND OTHER PENSIONS. ALSO, I

WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT MY PERSONAL BELIEF IS THAT THE SINGLE PENSION SHOULD BE 75% OF A MARRIED PENSION. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT YOU MUST KEEP IN MIND THAT, (SAY FOR INSTANCE) A \$60.00 PER fortnight INCREASE IN PENSION WAS GIVEN, 25% OF THIS (OR \$15.00) WOULD GO STRAIGHT TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT IF A PENSIONER HAD A HOUSE THROUGH QUEENSLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING. THIS WOULD AGAIN PUT THE PENSIONER (SHORT CHANGED) WHEN YOU CONSIDER INCREASING COSTS.

I HOPE YOU WOULD TAKE MY SUGGESTIONS INTO CONSIDERATION AND I HOPE TO HEAR MORE IN THE FUTURE.

YOURS SINCERELY,

Walter He.