

Dear Sir,

Where do I start? I wonder if Mr. Costello has any idea of the price of a loaf of bread, a tub of margarine or a tin of baked beans? Obviously not because apparently it's important for M.P. to get a rise in the thousands while us oldies obviously shop different shops because we only got a rise of something like \$6.50 a week. I get a Pommie pension every 3 months (which I paid in for for years) yet it partially deducted from my Aus pension leaving me with \$263 per week. I haven't had a usable oven for over a year because there's no way I can afford to buy one and pay for it to be installed.

Out of my 'princely pension' I

Council Rates (1)

Strata Rates (2)

Water Rates

Electricity (3)

House contents Insurance

Car Insurance (4)

Petrol (5)

Car Repairs and every now and then I like to eat!

If there were two of us it would help because at least five of my expenses would be exactly the same, then maybe we would even be able to buy meat sometimes, but the thing dreams are made of but I've been a widow for almost 25 years so a single pension is all I get.

Thank you for reading this and PLEASE do something to help.

Yours faithfully

H. Black (Mrs)