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The pension is not keeping pace with the increased all round costs.

Eg Price of Lpgas locally has risen from 45 cents to 69 cents per litre.

When I go shopping, I get less for my money.

Because I live in the country, I cannot “shop around” – we only have two supermarkets here so there is not much competition.

I still have a mortgage so this adds to my difficulties.

I am on the old age pension – any increase, which is usually only in the vicinity of \$7, is soon eaten up by increases in food costs, shire council rates, water rates, house insurance.

Pensioners who are renting should be getting more rental assistance, that hasn't gone up for years.

Dental care – I go on the list for the Perth Dental Hospital, and have to wait about eight weeks.

I do not have access to the internet, so am making use of the local State MP's office to have my say.