

Senate Economics References Committee

Structure and distributive effects of the Australian Taxation System

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RE.~ Submission into Tax System Enquiry 28/1/2003

To the Secretary,

My first point is that John Howard said "No-one will be worse off under the GST", and I am worse off, as I am a disabled sole parent, with no income but my pension.

How am I worse off? I receive a \$20 GST component in my pension, but the ACTUAL COST of the GST to me is \$35 or over per fortnight. That extra \$15 was all I used to have left over after basics, to get shoes, etc, now it's GONE.

This lecherous system is taxing the sick, ill and unfortunate, and is part of the "Dog-eat-Dog" attitude that is sending our once-fair country down the crapper.

Please adjust pensions fairly, or exclude pensioners from paying GST, because life's hard enough in certain situations, without being taxed from the BASIC payments given.

Yours Sincerely

PBJ.