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Members of Parliament (Life Gold Pass) Bill 2002.

In a time when everyone has little chance of calling their position permanent, it is no longer a valid excuse for members of parliament to consider their remuneration, pension scheme or additional retirement perks as compensation for entering a position with uncertain long term prospects. The most abhorrent thing for the average hard working Australian to swallow is the life gold pass which retired parliamentarians enjoy.

When the average Australian retire on their superannuation, it is expected that any holidays or travel required be taken out of this pension. In one of the most taxed countries of the world we are expected to shout, what some people would call parasites, free travel for the rest of their days. The most blatant use seems to be ex-prime ministers.

It is about time the parliamentarians of this country thought about the over taxed workers and not how much they can get out of the system. One thing to help would be the abolition of the 1953 International Taxation Agreements Act which places the burden of taxation on PAYE taxpayers whilst the 4000 odd major companies protected by the act pay none at all.

When will the people of Australia see parliamentarians do the right thing and represent them instead of looking for new ways of lining their own pockets. The transparency of the senate committee is ridiculous when you are not likely to put the wellbeing of the Australian people above your own greed and conceit.

Yours sincerely,


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