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Senator John Watson,  
 The Senate,  
 Chairman,  
 The Senate Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services,  
 Parliament House,  
 Canberra, ACT 2600

Dear Senator,

**I fully support and endorse the Senate Committee inquiry into the indexation of Commonwealth-funded Superannuation Schemes.**

As a superannuate in the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme, I would expect the Inquiry to address the following issues,

- The inequalities of indexation between schemes within the Commonwealth Departments.
- The comparative differences with private enterprise
- The disparity between salary adjustments and the indexed Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme

**Inequality** One should note the difference between the croded pension provided by the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme using the annual Consumer Price Index for adjustment, to those pensions and benefits enjoyed by parliamentarians and others. Since we both are serving, or have served, the same employer, Commonwealth Public Servants should not suffer discrimination with respect to other related departments.

**Disparity** I use my own case to highlight the accelerating decline in the value of the pension. Since retiring from the Public Service seven years ago after nearly thirty years of service, my pension through CPI indexation has grown a meagre 13% while the salary of the position I held, has risen 49%.

I note the Superannuated Commonwealth Officers Association is making a submission, which I hope will be successful in matching the benefits provided for parliamentarians and others.

I expect the Committee to take into consideration the declining value of the pension and its devastating effect on our standard of living.

Yours faithfully,

Basil C. Bautovich