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Fair Go for Working Pensioners

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To: Kate.Chaney.MP@aph.gov.au

Ms Kate Chaney MP

Dear Kate,

I was very interested in your interview on A Current Affair, 7th August, while I may not agree with everything you promoted I do appreciate your attitude and frankness and found it extremely refreshing, well done.

I am not an Accountant, Politician or Business Professional, just a stubborn ol Working Pensioner that is going to be heard.

I have been advocating for reform to the Work Bonus System for over 12 months now by reviving my ePetition EN6227 that was presented to the House in 2024. The subsequent repetitive cut and paste responses without any genuine consideration of the potential value is very frustrating and disappointing.

Empty political speak, diversions and absolute fluff, at times inaccurate, rather than actually considering the substance and responding intelligently, either endorsing or explaining why the proposal is not valid, seems to be a relentless effort to make me go away – I'm not going away. The responses seem to originate from the same office, with the same phrases and lack of logic indicating to me that our so-called elected representatives merely refer issues onto their Masters, the unelected bureaucrats.

I realise this is an unusual request, however any assistance you can offer to navigate the labyrinth of deflection that is Canberra would be very much appreciated.

The proposal is to immediately reform the Work Bonus structure and remove barriers encouraging Pensioners to rejoin the legitimate workforce if they wish to. Currently any amount earned by gainful employment over \$300 per fortnight reduces the Pension by 50 cents in every dollar, **this \$300 threshold is not indexed and has not changed since July 2019**. Centrelink's reporting to the ATO also creates an inflated taxable income for a Worker in a Couple. The proposal could realise a benefit to Government of \$200,000,000 per year, every year if pre Covid participation rates were restored.

More information regarding the proposal is available at www.workingpensioners.com.au

I look forward to any suggestion to bring this issue to the attention of anyone who will listen and thank you in anticipation.

Kinds Regards

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