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Hon Tanya Plibersek MP

Congratulations on your appointment as Minister for Social Services, Australia.

I write to request your support for Working Pensioners, in particular reviewing the Work Bonus threshold.

The threshold is currently \$300 per fortnight, it is not indexed and has not changed since July 2019.

I have previously written to our Treasurer, Treasury, Amanda Rishworth, my local member Mary Doyle and have also been successful in having ePetition (EN6227) presented to the House of Representatives which was rejected by the then Minister. The replies have all been extremely disappointing merely describing the current situation with political jargon & fluff including repetitious cut and paste phrases in the hope I'll go away. It is obvious to me that the proposal has not been considered, and no attempt given to digest the arguments for or offer valid arguments against.

AIM

To restructure the 'Work Bonus' system providing Aged Pensioners incentive to re-enter the workforce, reducing the current skills shortage at no cost to Government, without disadvantaging those unable to work.

If an increase to at least \$500 restored pre covid participation rates, there could be a \$200,000,000 advantage to Governments, including GST revenue to the States. This must be worth consideration.

I implore you to please consider the proposal as I firmly believe the restructure will benefit everyone as well as curbing the current black cash economy that the threshold promotes. I'm yet to receive any logical opposing argument.

I also ask that irrelevant references be avoided such as the Income Free Allowance, the \$4000 increase in Work Bonus Bank (an actual one off benefit of \$2000) and the focus remain on the subject at hand, Working Pensioners. That is Pensioners engaged in legitimate employment.

I invite you to contact me by phone or email if you require further information and would value a face to face meeting with yourself or advisor at a time and place suitable to you, more information available at www.workingpensioners.com.au

I look forward to your response following adequate consideration

Yours sincerely

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To: "greg@workingpensioners.com.au" <greg@workingpensioners.com.au>

Thank you for your email.

If your email requires a response I will get back to you as soon as I can.

If your email relates to my new portfolio as Minister for Social Services, the Ministerial Office will action your email as soon as they can after this period of transition.

If you have a specific Social Services issue that requires attention, please contact your local Federal Member of Parliament.

For any matters relating to the Environment and Water portfolio, including invitations for the new Minister, Senator the Hon Murray Watt, please forward your email to Minister.Watt@dcceew.gov.au

Best wishes,

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