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I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to bring to your attention ePetition EN6227, which was presented to the House in June 2024.

This petition proposes crucial changes to the Work Bonus System, aimed at providing Working Pensioners with a fairer opportunity. As it stands, Working Pensioners face a reduction of 50 cents in their pension for every dollar earned over \$300 per fortnight through gainful employment. Notably, this threshold is not indexed and remains unchanged since July 2019. For couples, the pension is reduced by 25 cents for each partner's earnings, leading to an exaggerated taxable income reported to the ATO.

Regrettably, the correspondence I have received from various departments has primarily consisted of vague responses, failing to address the core of this issue.

I respectfully urge you to consider the following changes:

1. Increase the Work Bonus Threshold to at least \$500.
2. Implement indexing for the Work Bonus Threshold.
3. Permit the deducted pension amount from the non-worker in a couple to be classified as an expense against the worker's taxable income.

For further information, please refer to the website:
www.workingpensioners.com.au.

I look forward to further communication on this important matter and invite you to reach out to me at any time on 0407 047 797.

Thank you in anticipation of your attention to this issue.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Jarvis

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