

RE: Fair Go for Working Pensioners

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Dear Greg,

Thank you for contacting the office of Senator Tyron Whitten, Senator for Western Australia.

Senator Whitten and Pauline Hanson's One Nation (PHON) believe Australians receiving aged pensions or veteran service pensions should be able to work and earn money without any impact on their payments.

PHON released policy regarding Working Pensioners in January 2025. Please see the statement below:

'This week Senator Pauline Hanson has released One Nation's first policy to tackle the cost of living crisis—a way for pensioners to keep more money in their pockets.

Australians receiving aged pensions or veteran service pensions would be able to work and earn money without any impact on their payments under a new One Nation policy being taken to the 2025 Federal election.

One Nation leader Senator Pauline Hanson said the policy would remove any limits on the capacity for aged pensioners and veterans to work without their payments being affected.

These Australians have earned their pensions after decades of hard work and service to this nation. They should be able to supplement their income with work if they want to, and without those pensions being impacted.

Many of these Australians could meet some of the demand for skilled and experienced workers in a number of critical areas such as aged care, education, agriculture, retail, and public health. This would reduce the need to import workers from overseas and help reduce the high demand for housing in Australia.

It would obviously also help many struggling pension recipients to earn additional income to meet the challenges of Australia's high inflation and cost of living.

Pensioners earning wages under the policy would be taxed on their incomes like any other worker.

This policy is a winner for the economy, for businesses and government services, for the pensioners, and for the government. It's a winner for Australia. It's about ensuring that Australians who want to continue to contribute are able to do so without penalty.

These are the Australians who have the greatest experience and some very unique skills to offer to their country and the economy. One Nation will make sure there is nothing holding them back if they want to keep working.'

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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Senator Tyron Whitten

Tyron

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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