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The Hon. Dr. Craig Emerson MP  
PO Box 349  
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Dear Dr. Emerson,

Re: FAIR INDEXATION BILL.

As you are no doubt aware the above Bill relating to indexation of Military Superannuants was rejected by the Senate on June 16 last, causing great angst amongst the ex service community and concern for those still serving.

All that people request is to be treated equally, particularly those who have served our country in times of threat and in fulfilling our international obligations in accord with the wishes of our Governments, of both political persuasions, over many years.

We ask that you consult with your party and its associated supporters, i.e. Australian Greens and Independents, to have this issue brought forward and resolved in favour of Fair Indexation to the DFRB/DFRDB superannuation be indexed twice yearly and receive the same percentage increase as the Old Age Pension..".

The following is an extract from the Australian Bureau of Statistics which strongly demonstrates the declining spending power of DFRBD Superannuants.

**THE ALL GROUPS PENSIONER AND BENEFICIARY LIVING COST INDEX (PBLCI)**

- rose 1.9% for the March quarter 2011, compared with a rise of 0.7% in the December quarter 2011.
- showed a larger increase for the March quarter 2011 than the CPI (+1.6%).
- rose 4.6% through the year to March quarter 2011, compared to a through the year rise of 4.0% to December quarter 2010.
- showed a larger increase through the year to March quarter 2011 than the CPI (+3.3%).

At our last meeting a decision was made, and unanimously supported, to refrain from extending invitations to ALL Federal politicians to future functions and commemorations held by our sub branch.

Please note that this applies to ALL Federal politicians as the Opposition has had many opportunities whilst in Government to redress this inequality and failed to do so, despite many promises to the contrary. The same criticism applies to our current Government.

Lest We Forget

*John Mink's Secy*  
A.G. Jamlyn - Sub Branch President

c/c the Hon. J. Gillard, The Hon. A. Abbott, Sen. R Brown., Albert & Logan News

