

I am a blue collar worker and I want to make a few comments about Politicians rorting Allowances and Entitlements.

Millions of Australians are disgusted as they read about another Politician rorting the system.

A politician who has been found to be misusing Allowances and Entitlements is committing fraud and should be charged with theft.

Centrelink prosecutes welfare recipients who are found to be, " obtaining a financial advantage that they were not entitled to receive "

Prosecuted under Section 135.3 of the Commonwealth Criminal Code Act ( 1995 ).

Yet Politicians are allowed to get away with it by citing preposterous excuses such as, oversight, misjudgement, claimed in error, administrative error interpretation of entitlements or a simply apology.

" I will pay back the money ". Welfare recipients also pay back the money and are still charged with theft.

What is the difference between the general public and Politicians?

The whole entitlements and Allowances system needs to be removed.

The Travel Allowance is overly generous and is rorted by a large percentage of Politicians.

Even if they own a residence in Canberra they are still entitled to claim \$273 a night on sitting days. A rort

Family travel entitlements. Nine Business class return trips for all MPs partners. A rort.

Allowances for office facilities along with maintenance and refurbishment costing hundreds of thousands of dollars per MPs.

Retirement Allowances need to be done away with in toto. When Blue Collar Workers, or any other worker retires, they

do not continue to receive lifetime payments, Gold Passes etc.

Study Tours made by State MPs are a disgraceful waste of money. How many millions of dollars have been wasted over

the previous decade?

The list of rorting is endless and needs addressing.

In my opinion, the only way to restore public confidence in

Australian Democracy is to totally remove from Parliament

all Politicians who are found to be rorting the system.

They must also be charged with theft. Because that is what it is.

The ambiguity of the Entitlement System must be removed so as to eliminate, " differences of interpretation of

entitlements "

The Governance Institute Ethics Index report in July 2016 made this statement,

" The Government exists for the most part to benefit itself and the members of the Parliament. Ethics in this type

of organised environment is purely for show "

Across all social media platforms, 99.9% of the comments are negative in regards the lack of Morals, Ethics and Integrity of Politicians and the Political System.

A national Integrity Commission is imperative.

Brett Gerrity