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Dear Community Affairs Senate Committee,

This is a submission about the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Ending Carbon Tax Compensation) Bill 2017.

Since we no longer have a carbon tax in operation, it makes sense to no longer pay the energy supplement, which (I am assuming) was intended to compensate for the added cost of the carbon tax on electricity and gas bills.

However, I seem to remember a promise, before the carbon tax was repealed, to NOT withdraw the carbon tax compensation measures.

I also want to point out that removing the energy supplement, just at the time when electricity bills are increasing by double-digit percentages, seems like rather bad timing. (Except for newspaper headline writers, for whom it will be very good timing.)

What you could do, though, is to keep it under a new name. (From 20 Sep 2017, the Energy Supplement will be known as the 'Your-federal-representatives-are-still-not-dealing-with-electricity-price-rises Supplement'.)

Yours faithfully,  
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