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To: [Community Affairs, Committee \(SEN\)](#)
Subject: Social Services Legislation Amendment
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I write to you to identify myself as a Tasmanian Defined Benefit Pensioner who will be very negatively affected by the enactment of the Social Services Legislation Amendment.

I implore you not to pass this amendment without further consideration as to the extremely detrimental effect it will have on people who have worked hard all their lives to receive a Defined Benefit Pension and accordingly a part Centrelink pension. This amendment has obviously been planned to reduce the number of estimated 'rich' people manipulating their finances to gain the benefit of a full or part Centrelink pension payment.

I worked for 25 years in the State Government to opt for a whole of life pension and that supplements the part Centrelink pension both my husband and I receive. My whole of life Defined Benefit Pension only equates to \$20,000 per annum and stops us from living a 'hand to mouth' existence, helps us to pay for a Private Health Fund benefit which is essential in the 70 plus age group we are in and to pay our essential service accounts – all of which reduces our reliance on Centrelink and the public hospital system.

If the amendment is passed I believe our Centrelink pension will be reduced by a figure of between \$50 to \$63 per fortnight and this would put tremendous pressure on us financially to meet our commitments.

Please reconsider this amendment.