

Dear Senators

There has been interminable debate, enquiries, reviews, etc, etc for years without useful outcome. I acknowledge that there are several issues involved.

My appeal to you is based simply on the question of fairness.

My narrative is;- When I retired after 22 years' service in the Australian Army, (and contribution to the compulsory DFRDB superannuation scheme), I was offered an option to commute, that is, to receive a lump sum. It was explained to me at a Service arranged "Resettlement Seminar", that the lump sum would be repaid by a reduction in my fortnightly payments.

That seemed to me to be a fair and reasonable offer so I accepted the offer of a lump sum and the reduction in subsequent payments confident in the belief that, when the lump sum was repaid, my fortnightly payments would be restored to the proper level.

You can imagine my concern when I discovered that did not and has not happened!

I accepted the lump sum and have repaid it. Over and above all the arguments to the contrary, on the simple basis of fairness, my fortnightly payments should be restored to the level agreed for 22 years as I paid my superannuation dues.

Respectfully

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