

**From:**  
**To:** [Community Affairs Committee \(SEN\)](#)  
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Dear sirs/madame, my name is [REDACTED] and i am a severley disabled Australian with unlimited portability of the DSP. I had an 8 year fight to win this right. To stop the disabled from the right to both travel and live where they choose is a fundamental human rights abuse. It seems that politicians think it is ok for a disabled person to spend/lose their pension on booze or the pokies within minutes of receiving it but not to use it to get a better life in a third world country if they wish to do so. I was homeless with not a cent to my name at 60 if i had not won my fight for justice. Better you sleep under a bridge i was told my numerous politicians than have a decent life of hope and respect in S.E. Asia. To only allow pensioners to leave Australia for only four weeks in any 12 month period before losing the pension is nothing other than cruel and inhumane as i know of many who are already impaired by the current laws and this will only make life unbearable for these already suffering Australians. If these people are unemployable then why force them to live in total abject poverty rather than a decent life style. My information tells me that the amount of money leaving Australia is a pittance in the overall budget as well as being far outweighed by foreign pensions coming into the economy. I actually save the taxpayer money by being outside. No free medical, dental or rental assistance. i pay it all myself out of my DSP. While i am no longer affected by these draconian rules of medieval times I feel i must protest at this abuse of all disabled Australians. Lastly, I believe that Australia ratified a U.N. ruling that Disabled people should have the right to travel and live where they choose. If this is correct why are we even here today. Yours sincerely