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The Secretary
House of Representatives Standing Committee on
Employment, Education and Workplace Relations

Submission regarding workers over 45 years

My date of birth is 13.2.36.

I am a resident of Darwin N.T.

I have been a resident here since (cyclone Tracy 1994).

I was sent here by the Department of Civic Aviation to help reconstruct Darwin and the airport. I remained in Darwin.

In 1992 I was made redundant by D.C.A. due to political decisions in Canberra. I joined Asset Services in 1992 and was made redundant in 1998. Due to political decisions in Canberra. I have a heart condition which precludes me doing my job as an electrician. I am still redundant. Because I am living in an abode where there is someone earning a salary I do not get any financial assistance. The person does not support me. I am living on my savings which will soon run out.

I am also an ex-serviceman. RAN 13 years 50973. I was involved in the Malayan campaign for which by political decision in Canberra I am entitled to a war service loan which is useless. And I am entitled to nothing else.

I am 63 years of age and in no-mans land as far as the politicians are concerned.

I require medication daily for my heart condition. I get no help for any expenses.

I am forced to attend a hospital that was constructed from plans duplicated from Canberra which now is far too small for the existing population. We have a private hospital I can't afford which is 60% closed down.

I will also be 150 years old before your "committee" achieves any result.

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