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The Chairman,
 House of Representatives Standing Committee
 On Legal and Constitutional Matters,
 Parliament House,
 CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir,

**DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FORMER DEFENCE FORCE AND PUBLIC
 SECTOR EMPLOYEES.**

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission to your committee.

I am a Vice-President of the Queensland Branch of the Superannuated Commonwealth Officers Association although I am not making this submission in this capacity.

There are several areas of discrimination which have adversely affected my Standard of Living, these being:-

All Federally administered pensions including the aged are adjusted according to salary or wages movement whereas my pension is only adjusted according to the CPI!

"This means that my standard of living is being constantly eroded!"

Two separate Senate Committees in 2000 and 2001 recommended changes that the Government, my former Employer, has not implemented.

The recent Better Super Legislation excluded Comsuper Pensions, and the intended compensation via a 10% tax offset is of little benefit to those who receive less than \$25,00-00.

Another complaint is that any extra income I earn is taxed at the marginal rate while other superannuant's additional income is treated more fairly. Why is this so when a recent recommendation of the Senate Standing Committee on Economics suggested this be changed.

Summary.

There is no doubt that for some reason just because I am a former Public Sector employee I am being positively discriminated against by the Government.

Please help by ensuring that the recommendations of the two Senate Committees are implemented.

Conclusion.

Your assistance in ensuring that the Prime Ministers' statement "A fair go for all Australians" is applied without discrimination is appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Merv Hazell.