

**TO THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

This petition of certain citizens of Australia draws the attention of the House to the failure of measures adopted in The Social Security and other Legislation Amendment (Pension Reform and Other 2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009 to guarantee an adequate quality of life for those receiving the age pension.

We therefore ask the house to:

1. Increase the pension rate from 27.5% to 35% of total male average weekly earnings
2. Ensure that proper and improved, culturally appropriate, healthcare measures for pensioners are prioritised, including medical, dental, optical, hearing and pharmaceutical services.
3. Significantly increase the level of funding for aged care services, including culturally appropriate services.
4. Introduce quarterly indexation of all pensions and welfare payments,