

Get involved in the campaign to stop the Government breaching its employment contract with you

Help us to help you – you don't have to be a SCOA member to participate!

Few Governments change bad or unfair policies unless they hear from unhappy voters. That is why we need you to join in our campaign to persuade the Government to give you fair pension indexation.

Together we can influence the political parties but voters such as yourself are the key to this campaign.

Please make the effort to let your local Member and Senators, regardless of their political party, know that they have broken their employment contract with you because the CPI no longer reflects the prices we pay, as it once did when it was chosen in the 1970s as the indexation tool for your pension.

Tell them that you want indexation fairness that ensures your pension is indexed in a manner that will ensure it keeps pace with the prices you actually pay for goods and services.

Recommended actions

Firstly, if you are already retired, please use our *Indexation Tool* on our Home page to see how much you are being robbed because of CPI pension indexation.

Here are some things we want you to do:

- Arrange to meet with your local Member and/or a Senator to discuss the issue. Read and take to your local Member the Indexation Fact Sheet found on this web site, as well as the three line graph also found on this web site as it clearly demonstrates the discrimination to which you are subjected and how your pension is lagging behind. Alternatively you could phone, write, fax or email them.
- If you feel uncomfortable visiting your local Member alone, try and get other Commonwealth superannuants to accompany you, including Defence superannuants. Take along your spouse/partner because they are also voters and are affected by CPI pension indexation and will continue to be if they become a reversionary beneficiary on your passing. If you can't find someone to accompany you and you feel you need somebody, ask one of your SCOA Branch Executive members, (although this may not always be possible if you live outside a capital city where they mostly live) (go to CONTACT SCOA to see where you find them). Going with others shows that the issue affects voters besides you.
- Write to the Prime Minister, reminding her that Labor, before the 2007 election, promised that a Labor Government would give all Australians a fair go; Labor clearly has not kept this promise. Use this template to send to the PM.
- Write letters to the editor of your local newspaper and the major daily newspapers. Politicians keep a close watch on what their constituents say in these letters (try to keep it brief and to the point, otherwise it may not get published). One letter will often trigger a spate of letters which can demonstrate to an MP that they have unhappy constituents.

- Participate in talk back radio in your local area. Request your local radio station to run a program on Commonwealth superannuation pension indexation.
- Email/contact other Commonwealth superannuants, regardless of whether they are SCOA members and encourage them to join in the campaign. Guide them to the documents on this web site. If you email them, you could attach the Indexation Fact Sheet and the coloured graph and this document. Encourage them to use the Indexation Tool and tell them to contact SCOA if they need any assistance BUT ensure you make it clear that they do not have to be SCOA members to participate in the campaign. Of course you could encourage them to join SCOA.
- Contact SCOA if you need any assistance regarding your participation in our indexation campaign. Email info@scoa.asn.au or phone 02 6286 7977 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Please don't leave this to others.

Every voice counts, so let's make Members and Senators and Ministers know that you are unhappy with being treated like a second class Australian.

You deserve better.

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