

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED IN THE CAMPAIGN FOR INDEXATION FAIRNESS

Why we need you:

No amount of lobbying by SCOA will persuade the Government to give you fair pension indexation **but together we can influence them.** Few Governments change policies unless they hear from unhappy voters. **Commonwealth superannuants are the key to this campaign.** Please make the effort to let your local member and Senators know, regardless of their political party, that you're tired of having your standard of living eroded through CPI pension indexation. Tell them that you want indexation fairness that ensures the purchasing power of your pension is maintained.

Recommended actions:

- 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. Take along the three line graph also found on this web site as it clearly demonstrates the discrimination to which you are subjected. Alternatively you could write to them, phone, email or FAX 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. If you can't find someone to accompany you and you feel you need somebody, ask one of your SCOA Branch Executive members, remembering that this will not always be possible if you live out of a capital city where they mostly live. Going with others shows that the issue affects voters besides you.
- Write letters to the editor of your local newspaper and the major daily newspapers. MPs keep a close watch on what their constituents say in letters to the editor of local papers. One letter will often trigger a spate of letters which demonstrates the extent of the issue.
- 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 this site's Indexation Fact Sheet, the coloured graph and this page. Encourage 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 indexationmanager@scoa.asn.au OR phone **02 6286 7977, Mon, Tues, Thurs.**

PEASE DON'T LEAVE IT TO OTHERS. EVERY VOICE COUNTS AND LETS MPs KNOW THAT YOU ARE UNHAPPY WITH BEING TREATED LIKE A SECOND CLASS AUSTRALIAN. YOU DESERVE BETTER.