



THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT CORPORATION

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FAIR GO CAMPAIGN - PHASE 2 SUPPORT THE FAIR INDEXATION BILL

Warriors,

Enough is enough. It's time for us, the defence community, to stand up and support the Fair Indexation Bill in a public display of strength through an active mail campaign targeting opposing Labor Senators and supporting Green and Independent Senator as well as Labor's marginal seat MPs.

The Background

Phase 1 of our FGC was successful in gaining the Coalition, the Greens and Independents' support but unsuccessful with the Labor Government. However, we were successful in having many voters support us at the ballot box.

The minority Labor Government and the Labor Party across the country continues to deny us fair indexation.

Now in Phase 2 FGC we seek to influence the Parliament (Senate & House of Representatives) to legislate for a fair indexation.

The Coalition true to its commitment has introduced the Fair Indexation Bill into the Senate where it has been referred to a Senate Enquiry Committee for consideration and report back to the Senate by the 10th May.

As an ADSO (DFWA, RAAFA, NAA, RARC and ASASA) partner we have made a submission to that Senate Enquiry. The Finance Department's submission continues to support the Matthews' Report recommendation that CPI is the right indexation formula and states that the costs of any change are against the Government's fiscal responsibility to return the budget to surplus by 2012-2013. Our submission challenges their costing.

You are the vital link in having this Bill passed in the Senate. Recognise that the Government will not even consider changing its decision unless the defence community in large numbers voices its concern.

We need you to act now.

Attached are three sample letters from which we ask you to select any one, or from which you can compose your own, to **post or hand deliver** to your State Labor,

Green and Independent Senators and to your Labor MP's marginal electoral address **before the 10th May 2011**. Address details are attached

Write or type your letter. Be courteous and factual especially highlighting your own circumstances and ask for a reply. Keep a copy and advise your Association of the posting/hand delivery details (date and addressee) and the reply received. This allows us to monitor the matter

Do not email the letter as emails are easily ignored or deleted. Under existing parliamentary protocol a letter to a politician must be logged and answered. MPs do take notice of a large number of letters on a particular issue particularly in marginal electorates.

Please encourage your family, mates and friends to write.

Do it for yourself if you are, or were a contributor to the Superannuation Fund: act now or see your pension continually eroded every year – but don't complain if you fail to act. If you are not a DFRDB recipient then please act to support our broader defence family.

Spend 60c on yours or their future and post a letter.

Over to you.

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Campaign Directors

Attachments:

Sample Letters (3)

List of Senators and Marginal Seats