



**FAIR GO FOR PENSIONERS (FGFP)**  
**COALITION VICTORIA INCORPORATED A0061591N**

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The Hon Melissa Horne MP  
Minister for Public Transport ,Minister of Ports and Freight

Dear Minister.

I write on behalf of the Fair Go For Pensioners ( FGFP) Coalition ,Victoria Incorporated, which is an independent non-profit coalition of community based organisations ,retired unionists and concerned individuals. The FGFP advocates for a better deal for age pensioners and other recipients of social security payments who depend on Government for income and other supportive services. The FGFP is concerned that age pensioners and others who receive social security payments are increasingly falling deeper into poverty and the severe climatic changes impose additional and costly health problems.

I request you, Mr Premier to consider and support the FGFP claims as detailed below and include them in your coming 2020-2021 State budget These claims are in the Victorian Governments jurisdiction.

We are writing to the Prime Minister of claims under federal jurisdiction.

These claims have been presented to Victorian Governments over many years with hardly any significant positive outcome. We categorically reject the often given explanation that periodic CPI adjustments or a government facilitate limited solar access make up for the huge rises in the cost of leaving eg energy , housing. The time is well overdue to return something substantial-to the veterans of the workforce now making up the largest component of the are of volunteers who suffer financial hardship,poverity and inequality.

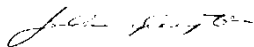
The FGFP looks forward to meeting with you for the first time since you have become premier to discuss our claims and hopefully have your support.

#### CLAIMS

1. That the State Government re-instates a 100% reduction on the pensioner motor vehicle registration fee component of the registration bill where the cardholder or their spouse is the registered owner of the vehicle and that this increase be fully extended to cover all concession card holders.

2. That all utility concession rates be standardised throughout the year, in recognition that cooling systems in the summer are as important to seniors' health and well being as heating systems in winter.
3. That all utility concession rates - electricity, gas and water are increased from 17% to 20% and council fees waived for pensioners and other concession card holders. These concession rates have remained unchanged for over 20 years.
4. That public transport across Victoria for pensioners and other concession card holders be free or at least free during off peak hours.
5. That the Victorian Government revise its *Homes for Victorians* strategic plan to ensure ongoing funding for the growth of secure, accessible and affordable public housing to address the current and future rental housing needs of eligible pensioners and other people on low to middle incomes.

Yours sincerely



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