

Some weeks ago we sent an email to Malcolm Turnbull voicing our concern about the eroded superannuation income streams for retirees, who have worked diligently, lived frugally, paid their way, not been a burden on the government and now as a result of the global financial catastrophe find their future very bleak. Mr Turnbull has today (4th March) responded to our email and suggested we send our views to your Panel for consideration.

To date self-funded retirees have not "cracked a mention". The previous "Christmas bonus" did not include us, neither, we believe, does the planned funds allocation. All the media comments talk about people having to delay their retirement because of the financial crisis. What about us, the ones who have already retired, with little chance of being able to get back into the workforce, and frankly after so many years working and being financially responsible, do not want to have to find a job at 60 and over.

We planned our retirement for at least 12-15 years, making substantial salary sacrifice payments to our superannuation and living within our means. We did not expect any Government support, but now times have changed.

Please give the needs of the self-funded retirees your genuine consideration.

Thank you.

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