**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

This petition of James Glen Hislop draws the attention of the House injustices in the Defence Force Retirement and Death (DFRDB) Scheme, in that:

1. During the period from 1991 to 2014, the benefits of all DFRDB recipients were reduced permanently, by almost one third, through the use of the Consumer Price Index in the calculation of automatic cost of living adjustments.
2. The governing legislation, the DFRDB Act 1973, embodies a bogus indexation arrangement which denies the widows and dependent offspring of deceased members, their full benefits.
3. That legislation also embodies a commutation arrangement, based on outdated life expectancy tables, where members who opted to take an advance on their retirement pay entitlement are required to repay that advance many times over due to the effects of inflation and a significant increase in life expectancy.

I ask the House to:

1. Restore all DFRDB benefits so they are relevant to the floor rate of Male Total Average Weekly Earnings.
2. Repeal section 98B (5) of the DFRDB Act in its entirety.
3. Amend section 24 of the DFRDB Act so that when the commutation lump sum advanced has been recovered in full by the Commonwealth, retirement pay is restored to its full rate.

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