**TO THE HONOURABLE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED**

The petition of the undersigned draws the attention of the Senate to the injustices in the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (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 That legislation also embodies a commutation arrangement, based on outdated life expectancy tables, where members who opted to take an advance on their retirement pay entitlement are required to repay that advance many times over due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 Senate to:

1. Restore the DFRDB benefits for all recipients so that 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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