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The Hon Scott Morrison
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Dear Prime Minister,

Frozen Pensions payments from UK government affects our veterans

Further to our letters in November and December 2019 concerning the effect on Australia's economy as a result of the British Government's policy of "freezing pensions", we would like to draw your attention to the manner in which it affects veterans who are now retired in Australia.

The attached copy of Broken Faith provides details of 26 veterans who served in the British forces and earned a pension payable from the British National Insurance Fund; these veterans all have their British pension payments "frozen" because of the country in which they now live. This document gives the stories of 18 such veterans who now live in Australia.

As mentioned in our previous correspondence, this unfair policy affects residents in 48 of 54 Commonwealth nations. Australia has by far the greatest number of these "frozen pensioners".

On 15th August, Commonwealth nations will be remembering the 75th anniversary of VP Day, which finally ended WW2 that had threatened the freedom and fair treatment of human beings around the world. Under those circumstances it would seem an appropriate occasion to point out the unfair treatment of men and women, including Robert Haley RN and Patricia Coulthard (Queen Alexandra's Nursing Service), all of whose service for the British Government assisted in achieving this peace. The British Government's unfair treatment is carried out because of where these pensioners now live. Surely this is in direct contradiction to the reason that they served in Britain's forces?

We would request that you draw this matter to the attention of the British Government, stating that this unfair treatment of some Australian residents is unacceptable. We are aware that because of Brexit, Australia and other Commonwealth nations will soon be discussing with the British Government a number of issues. This would seem to be an appropriate opportunity for the British Government's "frozen pension" policy to be considered and rectified.

Yours faithfully

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Chairman