



FROZEN PENSIONS IN A NUTSHELL

The UK Government freezes the age pension paid to people living in Australia.

THIS IS NOT AN ISSUE AFFECTING ONLY MIGRANTS FROM THE UK

Many BPiA members are people born and raised in Australia who have worked in the UK and who have returned to Australia.

UK State Pension is paid from a contributory scheme called National Insurance

UK State Pension is paid regardless of nationality and is paid worldwide.

The rate of pension is adjusted annually for inflation, but Australians are denied this adjustment. Over time the purchasing power of the pension paid to Australians withers as its value is eaten by inflation.

Most people living outside the UK receive the annual inflation adjustment.

Over 200,000 Australians are affected¹.

The UK policy costs Australian taxpayers \$110 million a year².

The decision to uprate UK pensions paid to Australians is purely a matter for the UK Government. No inter-government agreement is required³.

The Canadian Government is pushing for a change in UK policy because it affects Canadians, but the Australian Government remains dumbstruck.

The UK Government cannot justify its policy. The only reason it can come up with is that it has been this way for a long time.

Why doesn't the Australian Government fight passionately for an end to the discrimination against its citizens?

¹ Source: House of Commons Briefing Paper 1457 dated 8th February 2021.

² Source: Letter from Senator Anne Ruston to Senator Eric Abetz dated 5th October 2021.

³ Source: DWP response to FOI request dated 7th March 2013.