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The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister,

Unreasonable treatment of UK State Pensioners living in Australia

You will shortly have the sad responsibility to represent Australia at the funeral of our late beloved Queen Elizabeth II.

I ask on behalf of the over 200,000 recipients of UK State Pensions living in Australia, that you take the opportunity to meet Ms Liz Truss whilst in London.

If your programme allows time for a meeting with the UK's Prime Minister, please raise the issue of frozen pensions with her. The term frozen pensions refers to the fact that UK State pensioners living in Australia do not receive the annual inflation adjustment paid to pensioners living in other countries.

Please ask Ms Truss to open negotiations for a new social security agreement between the UK and Australia to resolve this inequitable treatment.

Canada has made a similar request to the UK. Australia, in contrast, appears willing to allow this discrimination to continue without a whimper.

I wish you a safe trip.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Edwards'.

Patrick Edwards
President
British Pensions in Australia Inc.