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Inquiry into Caring for Older Australians
Productivity Commission
GPO Box 1428
Canberra City ACT 2601

Dear Commissioner,

It is with grave concern that members of The Orana Branch of CPSA read your frightening draft report on aged care, "Caring for Older Australians"

What a disgrace that our government spend a meagre 0.8% of GDP with the seeming evergreen money tree available to provide perks and massive pensions to politicians and senior public servants and all those expenses given to illegal immigrants etc..

As a member remarked that she is giving up her part time job to retire and is amazed to find that the maternity leave is \$500 per week and she will have to exist on \$670 per fortnight.

The very thought that having worked very hard all our lives and paid off our homes, when we need a nursing home in our twilight years , we will have to take out a reverse mortgage, in other words having lived frugally, saved and reared families, paid our taxes and settled that mortgage debt we will be lumbered with another with extremely high interest rates until we and our spouses are dead. What a disgrace.

Who gets the money when the home is sold?

Furthermore , the pittance paid to staff in nursing homes is I believe, \$300 week less than those nurses in general hospitals. Little wonder they cannot get sufficient staff.

It is little wonder the staff in nursing homes do not take on animal care as zoo keepers receive more I believe. They do not have to work shift work either.

The Orana Branch of the CPSA wishes you well at the rally . We are sorry we are unable to attend.

Please help all our nursing staff and all the aged people.

Regards,

Keith Farrands Secretary Orana Branch CPSA

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