



COMBINED PENSIONERS AND SUPERANNUANTS ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.

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AT LAST PENSIONERS AND OLDER PEOPLE GET A GUERNSEY

“Finally the ALP has issued comprehensive policies aimed at pensioners, superannuants and low income retirees” said Mr Morrie Mifsud, Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association of NSW Inc (CPSA).

“We welcome indexation of pensions four times a year instead of the current twice yearly indexation. Pensioners have difficulty keeping up with rising prices as it is. We also applaud the improvements to Medicare, especially for people 75 years and older, increased funding to our states’ hospital systems, an allowance for grandparents caring for children and a significant investment in dental health.

“However, there are some provisos. Mr Latham, if he gets into government, has to actually deliver. We have been disappointed too many times by election promises that fail to translate into policy.

“We are also concerned that funding of dental health is enough and may not match the funding of the previous Commonwealth Dental Health Program. And the indexation of pensions four times, rather than twice a year, doesn’t address the fundamental problem of the low pension rate level.

“More needs to be done to address the problems of low income superannuants and retirees who don’t qualify for the pension due to the value of their assets but earn little more than pensioners.

“However, CPSA is glad that our constituents have now been noticed by the ALP and we call on the Australian Government to issue meaningful policies to address the shortfalls in funding to services and social security provisions for pensioners, superannuants and low income retirees” said Mr Mifsud.

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