



LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

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MR RUDD REFUSES TO ACT TO HELP PENSIONERS

It is now clear that Mr Rudd's committee on pensions is just a cynical smokescreen hiding his deliberate refusal to help Australia's pensioners.

Mr Rudd received comprehensive advice from the Department of Families and Community Services five months ago on how to help Australia's pensioners.

But he decided not to act.

And he has delivered no relief to Australia's pensioners who have struggled as groceries, petrol and rent have gone through the roof over the last six months.

Instead of hiding behind committees, Mr Rudd should act immediately and support my Bill to increase the single age pension by \$30 a week.

Australia's age pensioners need help and they need it now.

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