



SCORECARD

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COST OF LIVING

Let Pensioners Work!

Pensioners who want and need to work should not lose their pension payment unfairly.

Australia has 344,000 job vacancies. Many of these are in the health and care sectors.

Mature aged workers could help fill these jobs, but pension rules punish those who choose to work.

Ask your local candidates to support:

An exemption of employment income from the Age Pension income test to **allow pensioners to remain in the workforce** if they need and want.

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Freeze pension deeming rates

If the deeming rates freeze is lifted on 1 July 2025, hundreds of thousands of part pensioners will lose some of their pension income.

Deeming rates have been frozen since 1 July 2022 to help ease cost of living pressures for part pensioners as interest rates and inflation skyrocketed.

Ask your local candidates to support:

An **ongoing freeze on deeming rates** until a **fairer method for calculating deeming rates is introduced**.

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HEALTH AND AGED CARE

Reduce private health costs

Seniors are struggling to make ends meet as the cost of premiums and out-of-pocket costs escalate.

The private health system is broken. Only a full inquiry into its failings will help to identify policies to improve efficiencies and reduce costs.

Ask your local candidates to support:

An in-depth inquiry into the private health care system to lift the lid on the sector **to reduce costs for consumers**.

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More home care packages



The Aged Care Royal Commission recommended the Home Care Package (HCP) wait list be cleared by immediately increasing the number of packages available.

There are currently 80,000 people on the wait list. Some are waiting 12-18 months to receive support.

Ask your local candidates to support:

An **immediate increase to the number of aged care packages** to quickly reduce wait times to **three (3) months**.

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BANKING AND SUPERANNUATION

Australia Post bank

Face-to-face banking is an essential part of the banking system. However, bank closures are making the provision of face-to-face banking and cash difficult.

Australia Post could leverage its branch network (one of the largest retail footprints in Australia) to provide face-to-face banking services and access to cash.

Ask your local candidates to support:

Australia Post to obtain an authorised deposit-taking institution (ADI) licence to **provide banking services in regional, rural and remote areas where they do not exist.**

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Protect superannuation

Older people must retain choice and control over their retirement savings (super and other investments).

Older people rely on their super for financial security in later life. Superannuation contributions represent income earned and sacrifices made.

Constant debates and rule changes undermine confidence in the system.

Ask your local candidates to support:

A **moratorium on substantive changes to superannuation rules**, with future changes subject to rigorous and independent analysis.

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1 in 3
voters
(5.8 million)
are aged 60 and older