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SUBMISSIONS TO
PAYMENT DIFFICULTIES
FRAMEWORK.



DEAR SIR/MADAM,

I AM A 74-YEAR-OLD WOMAN, A PENSIONER
AND IN EXTREMELY POOR HEALTH.

I HAVE BEEN STUNNED TO THINK THAT OUR RESOURCES -
GAS, ELECTRICITY AND WATER, HAVE BEEN PRIVATISED.
WHO, EXACTLY, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEING OUR
RESOURCES OVERSEAS? THIS IS AN ABOMINATION,
AND HITS PENSIONERS TREMENDOUSLY.

VALUABLE

CURRENTLY, MY GAS AND ELECTRICITY ACCOUNTS
ARE BOTH WITH ORIGIN ENERGY. MY GAS ACCOUNT
HAS LEAPT FROM £70 A QUARTER TO £421 PER 1/4 !!
THIS IS QUITE BEYOND ANYTHING I HAD IMAGINED.
I PAY BY INSTALMENTS AT ORIGIN, BUT HOW TO
FIND MONEY TO PAY THESE INCREASING AMOUNTS
FROM THE PENSION IS CAUSING A WORSENING
OF MY HEALTH, ALREADY.

I AM UNDER SPECIALIST CARE FOR STENOSIS
OF THE SPINE, BRONCHIETIS (WHICH I AM CURRENTLY
FIGHTING WITH INFLAMMATION OF THE LUNGS), ASTHMA, X
A MALFUNCTIONING IMMUNE SYSTEM (FOR WHICH
I RECEIVE A 3 HOUR INFUSION, AT THE ALFORD
HOSPITAL, EACH MONTH. DUE TO THIS IMMUNE
SYSTEM I HAVE SUFFERED CONSTANT ILLNESS
FROM AGE 2, OSTEOARTHRITIS NEARLY TOOK MY
LIFE, THEN CONSTANT ILLNESSES FOLLOWED.

I AM TAKING MEDICATIONS FOR ALL MY
PROBLEMS, AND THE COST OF THIS COMES FROM
MY PENSION, NATURALLY. I ALSO SUFFER
SEVERE ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION WHICH IS
EXACERBATED BY MY SICKNESSES, AND THE COST.

MY BIGGEST PROBLEM IS HEATING IN WINTER,
MY SITTING ROOM MUST ALWAYS BE WARM. EXTRA
CLOTHES ARE INSUFFICIENT IN MY CASE. A
CONSTANT COUGH WARMS ME WHEN I'M TOO COLD.
ALSO, LAUNDRY IS DONE IN MY UNIT, BUT
DRYING IS DONE INSIDE AS I HAVE TEARS IN
BOTH SHOULDERS, AND CANNOT USE THE
CLOTHES LINE OUTSIDE. I'M UNABLE TO LIFT MY ARMS.

MY MIND IS CHANGING AS TO HOW I CAN
 MEET SUCH ON-GOING COSTS. COMPETITION IS NOT
 THE ANSWER AT ALL. I FEEL THE ELDERLY ARE
 BEING FORGOTTEN PEOPLE, AND JUST HOW DO
 WE SURVIVE? I FEEL SOMEWHAT GUILTY TO
 BE ASKING ANY CONCESSION THE GOVERNMENT
 MAY PROVIDE US WITH, CAN NEVER COMPENSATE
 FOR THIS TRAGEDY OF PRIVATISATION.

I PRAY THAT SOME SATISFACTORY SOLUTION
 WILL BE FOUND, FOLLOWING THE IGNORANCE WHICH
 THE GOVERNMENT 'MORONS' HAVE EXERCISED IN
 THE FLIGHT FOR GREED. THIS IS A SERIOUS
 MATTER INDEED, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA
 MUST BE HELD CULPABLE.

Yours faithfully,

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P.S. MY MEDICAL COSTS HAVE RISEN AGAIN.
 SO HAS MAINTENANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
 CHARGE FOR MY UNIT, COST OF FOOD
 AND UTILITIES ARE INCREASING, AND
 WORST OF ALL, HEALTH INSURANCE,
 WHEN WILL THE GOVERNMENT TAKE
 THE TIME TO PUT A 'CAP' ON THESE
 EXCESSIVE CHARGES. I AM LOSING
 FAITH IN THE APPARATUS RUNNING
 THIS COUNTRY. IT IS SADDENING,
 INDEED. VIOLENCE OVERWHELMING...