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PENSIONERS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA BETRAYED BY ABBOTT'S CUTS

Shadow Minister for Families and Payments, Jenny Macklin MP, and Shadow Minister for Education and Member for Adelaide, Kate Ellis MP, today met with pensioners at the Thebarton Community Centre in Torrensville to discuss Tony Abbott's savage cuts to South Australian pensioners.

"Tony Abbott's budget of broken promises is an unprecedented attack on the retirement security of pensioners right across South Australia.

"If Tony Abbott's pension cuts had been in place for the last four years, today around 200,000 South Australian pensioners would be at least \$1,500 a year worse off.

"Throw in the impact of Tony Abbott's new GP Tax, the increased tax on petrol and the cuts to concessions for vital services such as public transport, electricity and water bills and it's very clear that pensioners are amongst the hardest hit by this unfair Budget," Ms Macklin said.

Kate Ellis MP said Tony Abbott lied through his teeth to South Australian pensioners before the last election.

"Tony Abbott told pensioners that there would be no change to their pensions.

"Now, less than nine months after coming into office, Tony Abbott has decided to cut the pensions of around 200,000 South Australians.

"This is an absolute betrayal of South Australian pensioners," Ms Ellis said.

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