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MORRISON MUST EXPLAIN WHY PENSIONERS DESERVE CUT

Incoming Minister for Social Services, Scott Morrison must immediately explain why Australia's pensioners deserve a cut to the indexation of their pension.

How does cutting the pension by \$80 a week help pensioners with the cost of living?

Australian pensioners deserve the dignity of a decent retirement. They don't deserve to be treated like a burden by the Abbott Government.

Just last week the OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) attacked the Abbott Government's plan to cut the indexation of the Age Pension, stating:

This reform will mean the pension's value will drift down in relation to average incomes, and at some point may cross socially acceptable limits of adequacy.

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Cutting the Age Pension on the grounds that Australia's welfare spending is out of control is a complete fallacy.

According to the [Allianz Pension Sustainability Index](#), Australia has one of the most sustainable pensions in the world.

Kevin Andrews left the social services portfolio in a mess.

But that's no excuse for Scott Morrison to continue the cruel plan to snatch money from the pockets of pensioners.

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