



Senator Jacqui Lambie Senator for Tasmania

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Abbott uses Citizenship and Terrorism debate to cover up Pension Cuts.

Independent Senator for Tasmania Jacqui Lambie has accused the Liberal Government of using the debate over Citizenship and Terrorism in order to get away with stealing billions of dollars from Australian pensioners.

“Last night I used my vote and made a speech to stand up for Tasmanian pensioners and voted against government legislation which took entitlements and retirement money away from them. Every Tasmanian Liberal and Greens member of parliament should hang their heads in shame for supporting legislation which had serious doubt cast over the figures it used to justify an unfair pension cut.” said Senator Lambie.

“This morning we should be talking about how the Liberals and Greens have used dodgy tables to rip off 326,000 elderly Australians – but instead the political pressure has been lessened because of the supposed death of a couple of Islamic State grubs that shouldn’t barely rate a mention.

This morning we should also be talking about the Liberals and our Prime Minister breaking yet another election promise and lying to elderly Australians – but instead we’re having a citizenship debate which should have been simply solved by strengthening Sedition and Treason laws months ago.” said Senator Lambie.

“The Liberals know that there are better and more fairer ways to raise an extra billion dollars a year. A Financial Transactions Tax levied on half a dozen Australian High Frequency Share Trading companies - who are profit skimming and ripping off ordinary mum and dad investors for billions of dollars a year, would raise more than \$6B over the forward estimates.

But instead Mr Abbott and Mr Morrison have created a pension’s policy, which attempts to divide and conquer. They’ve deliberately put legislation in parliament, which creates winners and losers in a generation that has made Australia great and truly knows the meaning of hard work and sacrifice. All who voted for the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Fair and Sustainable Pensions) Bill 2015 deserve to be condemned and punished at the next election.

I feel sorry for the hundreds of thousands of elderly, sick and disabled Australians who will be adversely affected by the passage of the bill.” said Senator Lambie.

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