



## Petition

Registration No.	18
Title	SYSTEM FOR INCREASE ON ALL SENIOR CONCESSIONS AND REBATES
Presented on	27 June 2013
Presented by	Ms Finocchiaro (Member for Drysdale)
Referred to	Minister for Health (Hon Robyn Lambley MLA)
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Response to be presented	20 August 2013

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TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY:

WE THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH

That Senior Northern Territorians are important to all Territorians and deserve recognition of the issues they raise.

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAY THAT

You provide an annual percentage increase on all senior concessions and rebates rather than the current fixed amount. Your current system does not keep pace with the rises in costs of living.

AND YOUR PETITIONERS, AS IN DUTY BOUND, WILL EVER PRAY

### Response

The Northern Territory Pensioner and Carer Concession Scheme (NTPCCS) provides concessions to pensioners, carers and seniors to assist them with the cost of living. It is not a seniors' specific concession scheme.

The objectives of NTPCCS are to assist these groups of Territorians to meet the costs of essential services. Concessions are provided on power, water, sewerage, vehicle registration, drivers' licences, local Council and garbage rates, spectacles and public bus travel.

Of the concessions provided, currently only the Council and garbage rates are capped and there has been no increase to the concession for vehicle registration since 2009. However, drivers' licences are provided free, increases to concessions occurred with the tariff increases for power, water and sewerage in January 2013, and an annual Consumer Price Index increase is applied to the price list for the spectacles concession.

The Northern Territory Government has no control over the level of rates set by Councils.