

Seniors' Conference 2011: Agents of Change

<b>Session Title:</b>	<b>Pensions</b>
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**Summary of Discussions:**

Discussion in 3 parts

1. Awareness Raising: information sessions, delegations to Premier ?PM FGFP (Fair Go For pensioners) Handouts for Seniors Week, enlist aid of GETUP, letter writing, use youtube (intergenerational), local press
2. Needs: insurance-work care; superannuation: remove age barrier (75 yrs); maintain pension rates, work test-simplify rules, remove 65yrs
3. Actions:
  - 3.1 Rent a tram: different routes each month
    - Sponsored by Yarra Trams
    - Facilitator on board
    - Retired Connies on board
    - Support from Tramways Union
    - FGFP
    - Broader coalition
  - 3.2 Target Federal Seats with majority of pensioners
  - 3.3 Local actions:

- Concession rebates linked to Utility prices rises
- Local council rates
- Pay off by working as a carer

3.4 collect taxes: mining

**What will we do now? What needs to happen next?**

1. Information sessions thru Seniors Groups e.g. neighbourhood Houses  
Focus: What are the problems? What are the ideas? What are the solutions?
2. Gather this information to form material to present to minister (federal) + ask state to advocate on pensioner's behalf
3. Need work cover
4. need new system without reliance on Money- increase barter schemes and market places
5. concession rebates linked to utility price rises  
Actions: what work to be done to pay off rates? E.g. carer  
Local newspapers  
Youtube: intergenerational
6. disparity between pensioners (fix)
7. challenge politicians to live on pension for ONE month
8. FGFP for handout for seniors week
9. simplify rules governing pension rates and access to pension
10. maintain current pension rates
11. change system: universal super scheme
12. mining Tax collect without education for royalties
13. personal income tax revert to increases at higher income levels
14. Green Planet: submit question
15. Raising awareness , letter writing campaign + enlist aid of GETUP
16. Target litmus seat such as Eden-Monaro