Dear Madam,

Apropos your invitation to contribute to your Committee's Review of Parliamentary Entitlements I'd offer a comment or two. The major undertaking I unashamedly leave to you and your Committee. I'm mindful that in so doing one becomes vulnerable to the charge of self-interest. May I immediately point out that in my eighty-fifth year the prospects of significant benefit accruing are considerably reduced.

The chief point I wish to make is that Australians have an instinctive aversion to 'Welshers', i.e., those who walk away from an undertaking particularly those bearing the seal of the Parliament. Honouring undertakings does not preclude those charged with the task of recommending changes which can be properly introduced. By way of illustration the Parliament, so minded, could abolish the Gold Pass to be effective in respect of future Members on entering Parliament. Those Members presently in Parliament with entitlements should retain in the spirit characterising the introduction of the Entitlements.

With the effluxion of time ordinary wastage would remove those 'policis' who tend to torment some of the populace. As a WWII warrior I am keenly aware how rapidly our ranks are thinning. I could expand but suddenly taken over by weariness, I'll put my antediluvian typewriter back in the cupboard. Kind regards and my best wishes for a rewarding outcome.

Sincerely

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