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### Pensioner Rally – Tamworth 17<sup>th</sup> October

Pensioners of the region will have the opportunity to air their issues at a rally being organised for 9.30am on Friday October 17 at the Tamworth Town Hall by the Independent Member for New England Tony Windsor.

Mr Windsor has for many years been calling for a better deal for pensioners who haven't had the benefit of being part of long term superannuation schemes to provide for them in their retirement years or because of circumstances beyond their control receive other types of pensions.

“Pensioners deserve a better deal.

They have been the foundation of our community and went without over the years when circumstances were different from today.

The majority of aged pensioners have not had the benefit of being part of superannuation schemes – certainly not to the degree that it is today.

Government must recognise this and act accordingly to help those in need,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor believes that people on pensions whether they be aged pensioners, Veterans or those on disability pensions, have borne the disadvantage of increasing costs without equivalent increase in their income and single pensioners have had further pressure put on them.

“The pension has not kept pace with increases in the cost of living.

Higher fuel costs get added on to every item on the supermarket shelf but the pension has not taken these price increases into account.

Other basic bills have risen too and health costs further compound the problem.

Single pensioners have been further disadvantaged as they still have the same cost of running a household but not the benefit of another pension to help meet the costs,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor said that the Rally would help give pensioners of the region an opportunity to raise their concerns and further push their justifiable claim for the Government to increase the pension sooner rather than later.

“I invite all pensioners to attend and show their support. People Power will win this in the end,” Mr Windsor said.

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