

Letter to the Editor

**"A Government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul."**

**George Bernard Shaw** (1856-1950) Irish playwright

As the election date draws closer, we find more and more incentives coming from the Government to vote for them. We hear how much they are putting into housing, education and health along with numerous other sectors including the Americas Cup defence. There is no mention of how much they are stealing from 89,000 immigrant pensioners under their Section 70 direct deduction policy – **they keep this a secret.**

Double dippers and disadvantaging ordinary Kiwis is the spin the Government put on this policy but they do not apply it to people employed by Government. They are exempt under Section 70 of the Social Security Act 1964 from losing their Government pension and also still receive their NZ Super - so who are the double dippers?

It is a story of stealing from immigrants with overseas Tier Two pensions that are exactly the same as the NZ government employer/employee funded pension. The difference being Government take from immigrants but pay out to their own employees. It is a case of looking after their own staff and to hell with the rest of us.

I urge all New Zealanders to vote wisely on September 23<sup>rd</sup> because all politicians say one thing to get elected but fail to follow up on their promises when they do. The time has come to hold politicians from across the political spectrum accountable, either to stand by their promises or fall on their sword if they do not.

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