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EDITORS COMMENT – TO OUR MEMBERS

At first sight it would appear that the Party's sole interest is in the plight of older people and sure it is the driving force of all that we are trying to do, but having said that, it is our belief that in improving life for older people we will in fact be preparing the way for enjoyment of retirement rather than enduring it for generations to come.

Much is being talked about retirement; meetings, conferences, forums and report after report and what then – nothing, and whenever retirement funds achieve a large amount, governments of the past have railroaded our personal savings into other perceived needs and at the end of the day it's the retirees that suffer.

Governments then look around for where the money can come from to limit the cost of pensions and so "Sec. 70" was born which has quite wrongly, annually, taken huge amounts of money, usually about \$400M pa., from people who thought they were well covered for their period of retirement only to find when they reached there, they are not!

The result has been for many to live below the poverty line and the "spin" has been that retirees are happy with what they receive and the governments of the day, smile, and say how well they are doing for the retired population; and that is just not so.

For many years pensioners have given up on the system which they thought would give them a happy and contented retirement but have been knocked back time and time again by governments who really just don't care.

It has been known for years that the funding for retirement is in a mess and while Kiwisaver will help, it is by no means the solution. The Party has a potential solution that we will talk about in coming weeks but in the meantime we have to swell our numbers.

The Party is very, very angry at the pension; what we get and should get, and it has to be put right NOW! We have to tell the older people of New Zealand – Help is on the way!

The older people of New Zealand have to get motivated for change and to do that we have to have direct representation in Parliament. Please tell other older people about the Party, encourage them to join. We know \$15 is not easy to find out of meagre pensions but please tell your friends, print and leave the newsletters in doctor's surgeries. Form a Party supporters group to talk about what we are doing and perhaps raise money for the Party.

The time will never be better than now to achieve change while there is global dissatisfaction at government elite and bureaucrat's – please ask your friends to join NOW by visiting the Party web site www.nzseniorsparty.org.nz