



## TAYLOR SAYS GOULBURN PENSIONERS AND RETIREES BETTER OFF UNDER A COALITION GOVERNMENT

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Angus Taylor, the Liberal candidate for Hume, said that Labor's refusal to rule out tinkering with superannuation tax concessions is a reflection of the kind of government Labor has become. Mr Taylor said that the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday that Labor can be trusted with superannuation was laughable given the Gillard government's track record on breaking promises.

Mr Taylor said the government's shifting focus to revenue raising through superannuation was bad for **Goulburn where 43 per cent of the adult population was over 55, as against a national average of 34 per cent.**

Mr Taylor said:

"In the month before the budget, it has emerged that Labor will almost certainly make yet more changes to superannuation rules, which will affect many Australians but particularly those who are retired or approaching retirement. This is a slippery slope – once you starting tinkering with superannuation, you are playing with fire.

"Over the past five years Labor have already increased taxes on super by more than \$8 billion. This all happened despite the Labor Party promising in 2007 that there would be no changes to super.

"It is essential that policies around retirement, savings and superannuation tax concessions are not changed 'willy nilly' just because the government has run out of other ideas as to how to fund its spending addiction.

"To date, the superannuation system in Australia has received sensible bi-partisan support from the coalition and Labor. One of its great strengths has been its stability. People will stop putting discretionary money in to superannuation if Labor keeps changing the rules. That would be a disaster for the superannuation sector, and all of us.

"This is particularly bad development in a place like Goulburn where we have an older workforce and a large number of people approaching retirement."

Mr Taylor said that the words of a Hume resident on his Facebook site would resonate strongly with many voters in Hume. This person said:

“You know, I am not famously rich, just at a time in my life and business cycle when I have some spare finances, [like] many, as they get closer to retirement when they have a mature business and less dependants. It’s just not fair to increase the tax on my contributions now.”

Mr Taylor said:

“Restoring confidence in superannuation is part of the coalition’s plan. The broader policy intention of the coalition is to back superannuation of all kinds to the hilt. We will deliver greater certainty and stability for superannuation. We will not move the goalposts or impose unexpected detrimental changes, charges and fees which take people by surprise.”

Mr Taylor also highlighted a recent scare campaign by Labor about pensions as ‘misleading’.

“We have had Labor asserting that pensioners will be better off under a Gillard government because the coalition will remove the Clean Energy Supplement. This Labor claim failed to make the obvious point that the Clean Energy Supplement is paid to pensioners to compensate them for the Prime Minister’s carbon tax. Under the coalition there will be no carbon tax, so of course there will be no Clean Energy Supplement. In any event, the Clean energy Supplement now paid does not come close to compensating pensioners for the increases in electricity prices. So when the simple maths is done, pensioners – indeed all Australians – will be better off as a result of the removal of the carbon tax.”

Mr Taylor said:

“Under a coalition government, what you see is what you will get. We will stop the ridiculous ‘money-go-rounds’ and restore good process and integrity to government.”

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