

**Subject:** MP salaries and allowances submission

MP's make money well above average incomes of those they represent. Recent increases awarded to MP's have been higher than standards available to most Victorian workers. MP's do not need any further increases this year and in the interests of the Victorian economy MP's earnings should be held or reduced to reflect the needs of the State of Victoria from which their salaries are drawn and the significantly tight fiscal situation which we are continuously reminded by the Government is real and present.

It is unlikely that the lack of increase or a small decrease would have any real bearing on the standard of living of a Victorian MP. The basic salary of nearly two hundred thousand dollars is well above what is reasonably needed and sufficient for Victorian MP's at present.

In addition to the basic salaries MP's have access to a number of other allowances and benefits available to them per the Determination. All this adds to significant advantage MP's have over and above the average worker who struggles to make ends meet.

I implore the tribunal to hold or reduce MP salaries.

Yours sincerely

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