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Mr Tony Zappia MP
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Dear Mr Zappia,

You provided Dr Ray Hickman, Dr Michael Evans, Mr Barry Grear AO and me the opportunity to meet you at your Modbury office on 10 March. We discussed aspects of SA Superannuants' pre-budget submission to Treasury, including its reasoned argument challenging the common but in our view faulty assumptions that State and Commonwealth untaxed-source public service pensions are "generous compared to the community standard", and have taxation advantages. We also discussed potential changes to the South Australian State Pension scheme to assist some retired South Australian public servants without detriment to the South Australian budget.

During our meeting you kindly offered some guidance on how we might seek to advance these matters, and agreed to let us know if you heard of possible changes in taxation or retirement incomes policy which might affect our members.

Our discussion then seems a long time ago. All members of SA Superannuants are concerned about what might lie ahead for our country and particularly those younger than ourselves. We know that all Australian governments are facing difficult decisions now and that this will be the case for months, even years, ahead.

We look forward to engaging with you again, when it may be appropriate. However, we recognize that this is a time for the national interest to over-ride sectional interests and for governments to be mindful of the needs of their most vulnerable citizens.

Yours sincerely,

Brenton Pain
Secretary