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Dear Mr Nettheim,

REVERSIONARY PENSION APPLICATION – IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS

SA Superannuants represents the interests of members receiving defined benefit superannuation pensions from both the South Australian and Commonwealth governments.

As part of our *Planning for and Coping with Bereavement* project, we have looked at how we could make the process of applying for a reversionary benefit just a little easier for the bereaved spouse or partner.

In South Australia, Super SA administers the South Australian Pension Scheme, and allows members to lodge in advance certified copies of some required documents so that the surviving partner only needs to provide documents establishing her or his own identity, and the pensioner's death certificate, when claiming the reversionary pension.

The documents which can be pre-registered with Super SA are the spouse's or partner's birth certificate, and the marriage or registered relationship certificate, or a statutory declaration supporting putative spouse status.

We understand that no such advance lodgement or pre-registration arrangement is currently offered by the Corporation, and ask that it consider introducing one, for the optional lodgement of some certified documents prior to the death of the member.

I am happy to be contacted for any further information which may be useful in considering this request.

Yours faithfully,

Brenton Pain
Secretary