Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit an opinion on the wages paid to Australian workers.

In this fair and democratic society known and loved as Australia it is commendable that the wages of the lowest paid citizens are decided by an independent and fair commission.

There is a separate and far less independent group that decides the wages, allowances and remuneration for politicians.

I submit that the wages of all Australians be aligned with the wages of the politicians.

While I commend our Prime Minister, Mr Rudd, on his announcement to not increase the politician's remuneration this year, it has been noted that there was a remuneration increase of about 8 percent last year.

To be fair the Australian FairPay Commission must increase the minimum wage by the same percentage that the politicians have received.

Surely all Australian workers can only expect to be treated as equals, whether they are an elected representative or a humble minimum wage taxpayer.

Thank you for considering my submission, I look forward to a decision that is fair and equitable to all concerned.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

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