To Whom It May Concern

In response to your add in the paper calling for submissions 2088 Minimum Wage Review. I would like to bring to your attention the fact that NO minimum wage has been arranged for Mature Aged Apprentices in Plumbing.

Under the present circumstances a matured aged person who decides to take up an apprentice in the plumbing industry is expected to work for the junior wage of $5.50 an hour. A general laborer can earn $18.50 an hour and a junior in a take away job can earn $12.50 an hour.

A matured aged person such as me (with experience and skill) cannot provide for a family on this kind of wage even with the government incentive of $150.00 minus the tax taken out. To do this course there is an added expense for books, tools and attending the tafe.

It is rather discouraging and I am reluctantly considering abandoning this line of work and returning to the general industry.

Hope this matter will be dealt with in a fair and just manner.

Yours truly

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