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### Pensions set to rise

Close to 20,000 pensioners in Chisholm will benefit from an increase to their pensions due to higher indexation arrangements, Federal Member for Chisholm Anna Burke said today.

Ms Burke said pension payments will increase by \$15 per fortnight for singles on the maximum rate, and \$22.60 per fortnight for couples combined on the maximum rate, commencing today.

Following these increases, total pension payments for those on the maximum rate, including the base rate and pension supplement, will be:

- \$716.10 per fortnight for singles; and
- \$1079.60 per fortnight for couples combined

“Pensioners in Chisholm have received increases of around \$115 per fortnight for singles and \$97 per fortnight for couples combined - a direct result of Labor’s major reforms delivered in September last year, and higher indexation in March and September of this year,” Ms Burke said.

“These latest rises will be welcome news to pensioners in Whitehorse and Monash who are doing it tough with cost-of-living expenses. It recognises that pensioners spend more of their income on essentials like food, health, clothing and telephone calls.

“During our first term in Government, Labor overhauled the pension system to make it adequate for the more than four million Australians who depend on it.

“Local pensioners in Chisholm have been big winners from Labor’s reforms to the pension system and I hope they are heartened by this latest increase,” Ms Burke said.

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