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I am a typical home consumer of gas. I have not had a significant wage rise now for nearly 3 years, in fact I barely keep pace with inflation. I am 55. About 5 years ago I could live comfortably on my wage, every month now I feel the squeeze just gets tighter and tighter and many government semi government charges creep way way beyond any sort of CPI type increase.

I just have 1 question, do you now want me to go get a second job just to survive.... I'm not coping and I'm very sure I'm not the only one, perhaps I need to go get a job as a coal miner. I'm slowly being driven into oblivion by mounting costs.

Can we not shrink the public service who sit and deliberate these costs and get paid lots and lots of dollars to produce these specialised reports..... and what about the consultants who get paid by the gas companies to prepare their costing reports, how much do they get paid? Bottom line for me guys ....I can't keep finding the money you want unless I start getting some significant pay rises!

Its just too hard!

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