

Statement

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LIBERALS TO CUT AGED PENSION FROM LONG-TIME MIGRANTS

Federal Liberal Leader Angus Taylor says he will cut off long-time permanent residents from the aged pension.

These are people who worked, paid taxes and raised families here – now the Liberals want to abandon them.

This policy doesn't affect tourists or people on temporary visas. They're ineligible.

It targets older Australians from multicultural communities who have given much of their lives to this country.

We encourage people to become citizens – but there are reasons why some migrants don't.

Many risk losing access to their original passport, plus their rights and connections to where they were born.

In my view, that doesn't make migrants less committed to Australia.

But in the Liberals' view of the world, it's us vs. them – straight out of the Trump playbook.

Victorians need a leader who will fight this kind of politics, not cheer it on to save a few votes from One Nation.

That's why Victorian Liberal Leader Jess Wilson is such a risk.

She already plans to cut \$40 billion from public services that seniors rely on.

Now she's cosy up to One Nation, because she knows she can't win without them.

She'll cut schools and hospitals in Victoria – while her Liberal colleagues cut the aged pension across Australia.

It's just another Liberal cut that families can't afford.