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I wish to object to the increasing of the Judicial Retirement Age. I offer my genuine and sincere thoughts that have evolved over my lifetime in living in Tasmania (71years), being a Justice of the Peace (50 years) and a After Hours Bench Justice (24 years)

I personally would like to see the average age of the current Judges (and Magistrates) to be much lower, I believe it important that jurisdiction is presented by a range of ages, both 'young' and 'old.' It is also essential that people in this position represent the diversity of our population, be it ethnicity, sex, and age.

I understand and appreciate the solitary nature of the work of Judges (Magistrates) is very stressful and in doing this work for a long time (into their 70's?) they may become distant from the 'real' world. A more balanced representation of ages I am sure, will importantly be received by the public as being 'more in touch'.

Whilst increasing the retirement age may solve the immediate problem currently in our Court system of the huge back log of cases and long delays in hearing matters, it is not solving the real long term problem. I would encourage the recruitment of younger new Judges (and Magistrates) whilst having the benefit of senior mentors.

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