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State pensioners have been told the Age Addition for over-80s claiming the State Pension could RISE. The new [Labour Party](#) government has been urged by Ros Altmann to hike the 25p Age Addition for state pensioners aged over 80 - after the £300 Winter Fuel Payment was axed.

Giving one proposal, Ms Altmann said: " Increase the 25p Age Addition for the over-80s: At the very least, the Winter Fuel Payment could have been kept for the oldest pensioners. Currently, there is an insulting 25p a week 'Age Addition' added to the State Pension for the over 80s.

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Responding to the calls, a state pensioner said: "Well said, seems a fair assessment and at least for this year...or preferably for years to come. We are an easy target, if this goes ahead I will not ever be lending Labour my vote again. Already caught up in the WASPI extra six years to wait for SP, and the promises of Labour to sort it pre election are very quite, and possibly not worth the paper it's written on looking at possible levels of compensation for maladministration."

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"not surprised at this announcement re taking away the winter fuel allowance, always knew the Labour party would penalise pensioners, but this is a cruel step. I still dont get the full state pension in my own right, as my husbands pension is added to my own therefore I cant claim pension credit