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8<sup>th</sup> June 2016

The Secretary  
Legal and Social Issues Committee  
Parliament House, Spring Street  
East Melbourne 3002

Dear Sir

I am a retiree living in a retirement village in Greensborough. The very high rates that Nillumbik Shire charge us are unjust.

I am a struggling pensioner and the rates charged by Nillumbik Council for my small unit in the retirement village are more than I was charged by Banyule Council for my large house and land which also included a large garage and a granny flat. Our properties in the village were valued on the basis of our ingoing price because this includes a premium for the services and facilities of the village, and our equity in the property is reducing by 3% each year capped at 30%.

We receive little service from the Shire and have to pay for the street lighting and to maintain the roads in our village and also for the rubbish collection by a private operator.

With kind regards  
Margaret Russell

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