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The Secretary  
Legal and Social Issues Committee  
Parliament House,  
Spring Street  
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

8<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

Dear Sir/Madam,

SUBMISSION – Inquiry into the Retirement Sector.

I, as secretary of the Berwick Brae Residents Representative Committee submit a claim for a reduction in Council Rates.

Our major on going concern is the amount of Council Rates all Residents are expected to pay annually per Unit. A large proportion of the Residents receive the Age Pension, with rates being a heavy burden on top of the monthly maintenance fee to the owners which covers road maintenance in the village, lighting and infrastructure.

Garbage collection is the only service supplied by Council within the Village and although residents may use facilities outside supplied by Council they are at a minimum compared to other citizens of Casey.

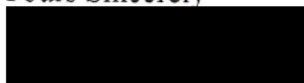
We move into Retirement village for security, on call facilities in our senior years and therefore not requiring support systems supplied by Council.

We understand the Law allows Councils to set differential rates for Retirement Village Units. The City Of Casey has refused to do so. The Council does agree to pay an annual grant, per occupied units, for dispersal as Residents agree upon.

There are some Councils already discounting 25% off Retirement Village rates.

We ask the Legal and Social Issues Committee to recommend a change to the Law requiring Local Councils to reduce their Council Rates by 25% to all Retirement Villages.

Yours Sincerely



Thelma Nevin  
Secretary Berwick Brae Residents Representative Committee