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**Subject:** Differential Rates for Retirement Villages Residents

The City of Greater Geelong council has been petitioned repeatedly to extend some consideration to residents of retirement villages when setting the budget for the each new financial year. When we were asked why we were any different from "anyone living up the street in a similar dwelling". I pointed out that in our monthly fees paid to the owners of the village a percentage was used to keep up the roads, curbing and channeling, drains, footpaths, lighting, trees etc. In fact the only service received from the council is garbage collection. I appreciate that once outside our gates we have the use of all council facilities, but we are not asking for full exemption, only a financial acknowledgment of our contribution.

Also, of concern is the fact that the council charges rates on our community Centre! Why? No-one dwells in the building! This seems wrong!!!

We ask that this matter be thoroughly investigated and action taken. After all, we are covering the costs of the upkeep on 15 acres, in addition to paying the council rates.

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