

Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into Retirement Housing

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① My Issue or Problem	<p>My husband passed away in 2006. Soon after that the first signs of a Retirement Village were made known. Interested people were asked for expressions of interest. In 2007 I paid a holding Deposit of \$500 for to take advantage of a period of 30 days for which this offer was made available. The land had to be re-zoned from Rural farmland to Council approved land for development. Infrastructure was the first thing to be done. In 2008 I received a notice that the first Villas expected completion date was April 2009. (I was one of the first 7 Villas to be occupied.) Roads for this side of the Village were made prior to starting the homes. I put my house on PTO →</p>
My Solution	<p>I don't have one! We do have support from RRVV and have sought legal advice from Lawyers who represent Retirement Village Residents. It is a work in progress that needs to be closely looked at!</p>
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the market in late October 2008, and it sold in Dec 2008. I put my furniture in storage in Feb 2009, and lived with my sister in TORQUAY. I expected to be there for 3 to 6 months, allowing for possible delay. It was about this time that I was required to pay the 10% deposit of \$26,900. Centrelink reduced my full pension by \$150 per fortnight because I had the money from the sale of my house. Fortunately, I didn't have to pay rent only share the bills. Upside of my story is, I didn't move until April 2010. Beautifully built homes, but without the yet to be constructed Clubhouse, bowling green, swimming pool etc, etc. I was assured that construction of the Clubhouse would be built concurrently with the first 115 Villas. (We do have a small version of a clubhouse, but not one that caters in size for the number of Residents that now live here. In short I have been occupying a Building Site for 6+ years, and paying monthly fees of \$300+ per month and it seems more services are being reduced. Fortunately, we have a Residents Committee who are relentless in their efforts to stand up for our rights, and unfortunately a

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Developer who continues to break promise after promise and couldn't care less. He continues to scoop deferred payments from our fees, and there's no money to maintain the services we should have, and repairs that keep coming up after 6 years. My home is my home and always will be, I love the people, some of whose stories are more frustrating than mine. But even if I wanted to sell and move, who wants to buy into Village that is still a building site after all these years.

P.S. And we pay Council Rates for having our Garbage collected.