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

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Parliamentary Inquiry into the Retirement Housing Sector**

My name is Jenny Culverwell and I live at Selandra Rise Retirement Village with my husband. I can be contacted on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

I am writing in relation to the high level of council rates that we have to pay in this village. We know people who live at Waterford Park retirement village in Knox and they pay around half the amount of rates that we are charged by the Casey Council. I believe that the Federal Government donated a grant to State Governments specifically for retirement villages. I understand that this money was passed on to councils in Victoria but only 5 councils have passed on the grant in full to retirement villages.

I would like to respectfully request the following:-

1. That the Victorian Government appoint a Retirement Housing Ombudsman and
2. That a reduced level of council rates be applied to retirement villages

Thank you for considering this request.

Yours faithfully

Jenny Culverwell