



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

28th May 2016

I submit the following for consideration of the Committee.

In Cardinia Waters Village there are 330 units. Each unit pays annual Rates to Cardinia Shire Council. This Council does not allow the residents any discount on the rates even though once entry into our village is made, the Council has not provided or have to maintain the following.

1. Roads.
2. Road marking.
3. Road Signs
4. Footpaths.
5. Lighting.
6. All grassed areas.
7. Wetlands.

As to the use of Council facilities, Racecourse Road is a State responsibility. We do of course use some roads that are maintained by the Council.

The only thing that the Council provide to the residence of our village, is the weekly emptying of our rubbish and recycling bins.

We have our own Club House, Swimming pool, Spa pool, Steam room, Gymnasium, Bowling green, Library, Pool/Snooker Room and Cinema.

All of these facilities are maintained by the residence of the village at no cost to the Council.

Cardinia Shire Council does not, as residents of retirement villages located within the boundary of some other Councils do, allow the residents of our village any discount on the payment of Rates.

I submit the Committee favourably look at not only our situation, but that of ALL RETIREMENT VILLAGES and follow the City of Knox who allows residents of villages within their City a 25% discount on their Rates.

Some allow smaller amounts.

If one Council is able to provide such a generous discount, why not all Councils.

Yours faithfully



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