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To The Secretary

I respectfully submit this question for consideration by committee.

"Why do Retirement Villages pay the same rates as private house holders?"

My husband and I live at [REDACTED], and we pay monthly maintenance fees. This fee includes the upkeep of roads, gutters, drains, landscaping, mowing the nature strip outside the village, both front and back, and also for the lighting in the village.

The only benefit that we receive from the Geelong Council is the collection of rubbish/recycling and green bins.

This, in our view, is grossly unfair as this means that we are paying twice for amenities.

As most of the residents are of pension age and are certainly on the pension, or part pension, it makes life extremely stressful at a time when we should be enjoying our retirement - that is why we came here in the first place.

Yours sincerely,

Christine & William McGuire