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 Inquiry into Retirement Housing

This is a late submission to this inquiry and is a topic our organisation has sought to have considered through previous, in person, representation to the Office of the Hon. Richard Wynne, Minister for Planning and directly to Retirement Village operators.

Retirement Villages.

Can any action be taken to alter the current restriction on an aged parent moving into a retirement village with a 50 year old son or daughter and the son or daughter not being permitted to have their name on the lease? (A 55 year old can be on the lease). The consequence of this is the son or daughter is forced to move out of their home in the retirement village within 3 months if the parent dies. They can then reapply for a unit but will have to pay a full re-entry fee even if they have been able to stay with their parent at the retirement village. There are examples of this in Manningham and it is an area which needs urgent attention. In one case, the man (son), aged 50, has a visual impairment and currently lives with his 85 year old mother who wants to move from the family home into a retirement village and cannot as it will make her son homeless. In most cases the care component will be met, if required under the NDIS. In this specific case the man is able to live and work independently in the community. A direct approach to the Retirement Village owners has produced a firm answer that they are entitled to have this regulation. How can this be altered?

The mental health of many parents is at risk unless we can provide the regulatory support needed to secure appropriate housing stock for adults with disabilities in our community. Important positive social changes, such a deinstitutionalisation in the twentieth century, are now having very negative consequences for families. Ensuring access to retirement housing for people with disabilities is critical.

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