

Mr. David Elliot MP
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Dear Mr. Elliot,

RETIREMENT VILLAGE EXIT ENTITLEMENTS AND RECURRENT CHARGES GAP

As a retirement village resident I am seeking your help. On 9th July Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation, the Hon. Kevin Anderson released a Discussion Paper inviting submissions from the public as to how the Government should proceed with its announced intention to –

.introduce a 42 day limit on the length of time retirement villages can charge for general services after the departure of a resident : and

.mandate that exit entitlements be repaid within six months of a resident moving out of a retirement village in metropolitan areas and 12 months for regional areas.

These reforms were a recommendation of the Greiner Inquiry into the Retirement Village Sector in 2017 and before the State Elections last March, the government undertook to implement them

However I have been horrified to learn that there is some suggestion that the reforms may be “grandfathered” – that is , made applicable to residents of retirement villages who enter into residential contracts after the reforms come into effect. Existing residents, the ones who are suffering from the current unfair laws, would get no benefit or relief.

I look to you to do what you can to resist any attempt to “grandfather” these reforms when they are referred to you for parliamentary consideration. The government needs to honour the undertaking it gave in this matter.

Yours Faithfully,

Noel and Margaret Drew

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to David Elliot M.P.*