

SUNRISE SUPPORTED LIVING

RESIDENTS COMMITTEE

Retirement Village Exit Entitlements

and Recurrent Charges Cap

Dear Members,

As the chairperson of the residents committee at Sunrise Supported Living retirement village I am appealing on our residents behalf to carefully consider how the reforms of the above are implemented.

Upon release of the Discussion Paper we have been horrified to learn there is some suggestion that the reforms 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. The committee has collected over 44 signatures with more to come of the residents who are concerned that they will miss out on the new regulations.

Our village is privately owned and as such the directors/owners expect to make a profit from their 'business'.

I have lived here quite a long time (7-1/2 years) over the years I and others feel that at times new units are given priority over 'pre-loved' units. This village is expanding, over the last 18 months 39 new units have been built with more to come. We could be faced with the situation where residents moving in after the regulations comes into force, if 'grandfathering' is applied, will be given priority as this would be more 'profitable' to the owners and that the present residents will be left waiting for the sale of their units and continuing to have to pay recurrent charges while the units sold after the new regulations come into force are given priority over ours. This would make the situation, which obviously the government want to correct , even worse for us.

We look to the Government to resist any 'grandfathering' of these reforms. The Government needs to honour the unambiguous undertaking it gave in this matter.

Yours faithfully

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(M.E. WEBB)
Chairperson