Stanley John Hall

The Committee Secretary,
House of Reps. & Legaland
Constitutional Affáirs Comm.

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to have a say in what is being considered for the future of older Australians. My wife and I are both over seventy, and find we are the "young ones" in the village we live in, and consequently have to assist the others as requested by them. The average age in this village is reported to be 82+.

Living at a Facility, I find that what started out as a compassionate church run facility has been hi - jacked into a business run facility, Even the area is a user pays service now, the nurses themselves are wonderful.

We have just been through 2 half yearly financial meetings over the last few months, where management have manipulated figures to suit their demands and we had the ability to "dig in "and refuse their demands because they needed a 75% quorum to get approval from residents. They neglected to provide figures to peruse before meetings as laid down in legislation, (and it's the decent thing to do) to make a considered judgement. We have asked them for some years now to give us honest truthful information so we can make a meaningful decision and all we get is rubbery figures. We have some of the best minds in the nation living in this village.

So whatever is determined in yourdeliberations for our future please give us the tools to influence the management of these places to comply with legislation, and give the residents a fair go.

Yours sincerely,

(S.J.Hall)