

I am a 75 year old woman. My only relative is my daughter who is my carer. I was assessed as a level 3 high need in November 2024. Aged care then decided to assess me as level 3 medium need. I received 5 hours of cleaning and one hour of gardening a week for which I was not required to contribute. From 1/11/2025 when the "living at home was introduced", I now have to pay \$100 a week from my aged care pension, this is because I was not "grandfathered" which means I was not receiving a package before 12/9/2024. I was also attending hydrotherapy classes, of which 95% were pensioners like myself. The new act has discontinued therapy classes, but have replaced it with music therapy which I am sure pensioners would not be interested in, even if they could find a class. I believe the new care act "care at home" is a government rort to make more money. I don't know how long I will be able to pay for my services, and eat and pay bills.

I am currently suffering from lung cancer, COPD, Pseudogout, hiatus hernia, I have had a left lobectomy, and a brain tumour, lower lumbarfacet joint arthropathy. foraminal stenosis and osteo arthritis of both thumbs.

I hope the Minister will be able to fight successfully for changes. I would love to attend to put my case in person but live in country WA.

I hope my submission is successful and I am available to provide any further information you may require.

Kind regards