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Dear senators

I have realised that I made an important omission: that is that the younger people in aged care facilities are discriminated against by way of the charges applied to them personally if they have assets. One of our younger 51 year old is charged \$47.15 as a basic daily fee (equivalent to 85 % of their pension) and a accommodation charge of \$32.76 per day.

I trust that this is still useful information and apologise most sincerely of having to add it .

I have asked a colleague about the charges that apply if the are in state government accommodation and he has supplied the following

Generally most of the state government funded accommodation (group home, lead tenant) that is provided by the various non-government service providers is delivered in Housing Tasmania properties with the service provider taking on tenancy responsibilities.

Fee levels:

- The Tasmanian Government sets guidelines for fee levels, but does not regulate the fees charged.
- Providers generally charge up to 80% of the DSP (most charge at this level, although some charge below). This would cover all general living costs – rent, food, utilities, etc.
- Rent is charged in line with Housing Tasmania policies. The amount charged is below market rent.

There have been some times when the dual role that service providers have (as tenancy holder and support provider) has proven problematic – sometimes leaving the resident quite vulnerable in terms of security of tenure.

In response and as we move toward a full scheme National Disability Insurance Scheme, there has been discussion on separating these responsibilities (i.e. a business/service that manages the tenancy while a support service focuses on provision of necessary support to the individual).

Kind regard
Yvonne