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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to respond to the consultation paper which I was sent by my local MP, Dr. Sophie Scamps. My interest is as the spouse of a resident at Alexander Aged Care facility, located in Brookvale, NSW:

" I submit that I agree with the basic premises that those families who can afford to contribute more towards the cost of their loved one's accommodation in an aged care facility should do so and that those who are pensioners should receive the same high quality care. The problem arises when the family is faced with paying a refundable accommodation deposit (RAD) for which they do not have the ready assets to pay. While some retirement villages, from where many intending residents in aged care facilities currently reside, claim that they facilitate early payment of the residual amount of the value of their unit, my experience from other residents living in retirement villages is that this can be a slow process which puts pressure on the family and may force them to pay an increased daily accommodation payment (DAP), which, as the consultation paper states, is more appropriate for short stays, rather than long stays, in an aged care facility.

The other main problem with the current system is that, as the paper states, there has been a reduced investment in building new nursing homes. In the Northern Beaches of Sydney, where I live, there is such a shortage of nursing home beds, that there is commonly a backlog of patients in public hospitals aiting for a placement. At least two former residents of Dee Why Gardens retirement village, where I live, have had to be accommodated in aged care facilities on the Central Coast of NSW. I sincerely hope that this paper's proposals serve to increase the number of aged care facilities and beds for the increasing proportion of Australia's population who will require them in the future. I support the Government's priority of increasing the number of home care packages to reduce the pressure on institutional care.

Finally, one minor point is the request that the research commissioned at Macquarie University be acknowledged with a reference to its title and authors so that it may be accessed by the public in the interests of transparency."

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