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Caring for Older Australians
Productivity Commission - Draft Report - Canberra
Attention: Messrs R. Fitzgerald - M. Woods and Ms S. Macri

I write concerning the gross unfairness and cruelty in the fee arrangements for nursing home patients

Around me I see people working the system, or being careless relying on the pension and free (to them) nursing home accommodation when they get old and frail, and run out of money

I am 87, worked and saved, and am self funded, and pay tax to support these people. I can cope with this

But I cannot cope with having all my money taken off me if I go into a nursing home, surrounded by those who let their money go to gambling, overseas holidays every year financial "advisers", fund managers and the like, until they were broke.

The wound is too deep, the bleeding too copious, the salt too sharp. Laying in the boat to the aged and infirm with no bargaining power spats parliaments scutehon. Asset Tax the super rich on their capital to pay for nursing homes.

In sorrow and anger
George Waters.