

To whom it may concern,

I recently raised my concerns with my local Federal Member regarding reports that I had read in the newspaper about changes planned to be implemented to fund the care of elderly Australians.

I believe the plan to include the family home in the assets test for aged care funding has been raised before and wisely discarded by the politicians of the day.

There will be no support in the community, either from the owners of a family home or their potential beneficiaries, for the inclusion of the family home in any assets test for the elderly ("HECS for the elderly").

I would like to remind you, and the generation currently in power, that the elderly have built the country that you take for granted, through a lifetime of paying taxes, as well as through performing community services such as Meals on Wheels etc, saving the government billions of dollars over their lifetimes.

It has always been accepted that the current working generation supports the elderly, the "baby boomers" have supported the elderly generation and the younger generation throughout their lives.

The "baby boomer" generation is used to being politically and socially active - don't be surprised if the plan to introduce "HECS for the elderly" results in a realignment of voting patterns in this large section of the community.

I can only hope that the current generation of politicians will have the political sense to scrap this "HECS for the elderly" proposal.

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