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- Effect of remote and rural location on cost of food, transport, trained staff, availability of allied health professionals.
- Size of Home unviable due to forced reduction in bed numbers
- RCS - 5% drop in funding from pre October 1997
- Not able to charge high bonds due to depressed country area.
- Resident intake fixed by who is available for admission in Community
- Funds already over expanded - wages 82.78% of income
- Residents wrongly classified by Aged Care Assessment team.
Extra time now needed to check residents before admission by Nursing Home staff.
- Duplication when Residents need to be reclassified.
- Certification - State regulations differ from Commonwealth requirements

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