

Dear Sir / Madam,

One form of taxation that I have never heard discussed is the so-called "Income Tested Fee" levied on old people in nursing facilities.

It does not go to the facility but directly to the Government.

It is a wealth tax imposed on elderly people who have provided for their old age, paid their taxes and now must pay another tax on the same income. It seems grossly unfair.

The Government is encouraging Australians to put money into superannuation so that they will not depend on the public purse after retirement.

Unfortunately, this sort of tax works as a disincentive to saving and being independent when elderly.

I hope your Inquiry will consider the negative implications of this tax.

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