

We request that IPART consider the formation of a specific classification of retirement villages such as ours. Villas here are not under strata title, so current descriptors are inapplicable.

While residents here are retirees and recipients of full or part pensions, no discounted water rates are applied as they would be if residents lived in the neighbouring community. This is an inequity which should be addressed.

A single account is rendered to village management which levies recurrent charges to residents, so a single account and meter reading is an obvious saving to Hunter Water.

This village maintains its own water and sewerage mains, has installed and maintains pumps to augment water pressure and volume, while all irrigation water is reused for environmental purposes without being discharged into the sewerage system.

Residents are concerned about the increases currently proposed.