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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **CDP SUPPORTS THE RETIREMENT VILLAGES AMENDMENT BILL 2020**

#### **For immediate circulation**

Yesterday in the Legislative Council, Rev Fred Nile supported the government's Retirement Villages Amendment Bill 2020. The full debate can be accessed online [here](#). Below is an extract of Rev Nile's speech extracted from the Parliamentary *Hansard*.

**Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE (23:09:17):** On behalf of the Christian Democratic Party I am pleased to support the Retirement Villages Amendment Bill 2020. The bill will introduce amendments to the Retirement Villages Act 1999. First, it will require operators to pay exit entitlements to former residents where there has been an unreasonable delay in the sale of their property. Secondly, the bill will make the transition to aged care easier by allowing former residents to access a percentage of their exit entitlement to cover fees prior to the property's final sale to cover accommodation costs. Thirdly, the bill will cap the period of time that former residents continue to pay charges for general services once they have left the village.

The amendment bill is part of the New South Wales Government's comprehensive response to the sector review conducted by Kathryn Greiner, AO, in 2017. The amendment bill has been developed through extensive consultation with stakeholders, including a public consultation on a discussion paper throughout 2019 and targeted

consultation on the contents of the bill with village residents, operators and peak bodies in 2020. Submissions have been received from the Property Council of Australia and from the New South Wales Retirement Village Residents Association. The bill seems to meet most of their concerns, so I am pleased to support the bill before the House.

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