



# Association of Independent Retirees, Inc.

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(Perth, Northern Suburbs Branch)

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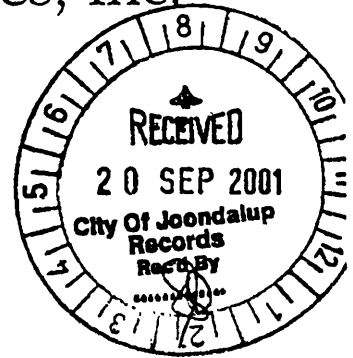
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Dear Mr Stanton,

## City of Joondalup, Seniors Master Plan

The Association of Independent Retirees is a national organisation representing all wholly or part self-funded retirees. Perth Northern Suburbs Branch has over 160 members and meets in the Fleur Freame Pavilion, MacDonald Reserve, Padbury.

We have been supplied with a copy of the above plan and wish to comment accordingly:

We would not agree that there is a general decline in club memberships of Seniors Groups. In the four years since it was formed, our local Branch has increased from about 30 members to over 160. Other clubs have similar experiences. This is a dynamic situation constantly subject to change and while some activities may well decline, others expand. As the City develops needs in particular localities will increase. Whilst a requirement for specialist facilities may vary over time there is a constant need for adequate meeting facilities for seniors. We would question the level and amount of research carried out by Jill Powell and Associates on this aspect.

We are concerned that the recommendation that a Seniors Fees and Charges policy be developed is merely a euphemism for introducing fees where at present facilities are provided free of charge. If fees are introduced by the council their cost will inevitably have to be passed on to members in the form of increased membership subscriptions. We have found this area to be very price sensitive. It has been traditional that facilities for seniors are provided at a direct cost to the ratepayers and this is how it should remain.

We note that the plan requires the establishment of a seniors consultation process and would wish to be associated with this when it is set up.

I hope you will find these comments helpful.

Yours sincerely,

M.E. Pratt  
President