

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am the President of The South Australian Retirement Villages Residents' Association (SARVRA) and would like to comment about Liquor Licences as they apply to Retirement Villages. Currently, if villages wish to serve liquor at their social functions and may charge a minimal sum to cover the cost, they are required to have an Incorporated Association Committee and a Public Officer responsible for the Licence. In addition, residents must have a separate Residents' Committee to represent residents in negotiations with management regarding budgets and issues relating to the Retirement Villages Act. In many villages it is difficult to get enough elderly residents to form and manage two committees and if they choose only one, they are disadvantaging themselves socially or in management issues. Many villages are confused by the need for two committees and the differences between them.

I request that thought is given to eliminating the need for retirement village residents to form an Incorporated Association Committee, in order to apply for a Liquor Licence to permit the sale of liquor at their own social functions. This would also eliminate the necessity to suspend the Licence for any "bring your own" events.

Yours sincerely,
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President.
SARVRA.