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Retirement Villages and Accessible Accommodation

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Presentation Overview

CURRENT LANDSCAPE

CASE STUDIES

OPPORTUNITY FOR REFORM

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Older People and Living Independently

- Why it is important?
  - Over 4.3 millions Australians aged over 65 in 2021.
  - Nearly 9 million projected by 2066.
  - Most older Australians want to remain living independently.

- Accessible Housing

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Aging in Place

- Independence
- Choice
- Autonomy

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Current Legal Framework

- Retirement Villages Act 1999 (NSW)
- Anti-Discrimination Act 1977
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth)

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What is Accessible Accommodation?

- Facilities
- Case Study: Maria – Lift Failure
- Case Study: Danielle – Bathroom Modifications

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Cause of the Issue

- Legal Framework
- Deferred Management Fees
- Modifications in Retirement Villages

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Opportunity for Reform

- Changes to Retirement Villages Act 1999 (NSW)
- Positive Duty
- Minimum Standards

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Benefits of Reform

- Residents
- Operators
- Government

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Questions