

Inquiry into the provision and regulation of supported accommodation in Queensland

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Hello

Please find an email submission that we assist [REDACTED] with below.

Client name: [REDACTED]
Client phone number: [REDACTED] does not have a private phone. Contactable via [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Client email address: nil
Client mailing address: [REDACTED]
Supported Accommodation facility client is residing in: [REDACTED]

Submission

Living here is ok right now (today) but before I was really upset because people keep barging in on me and telling me off. Sometimes other residents who live here go crazy and it's really scary to be around. When that happens I just walk away and turn off and go back to bed. It's the only way to deal with it.

I don't like smoking and there is a lot of smoking here, so I have to stay away from it. This means I can't be around in some of the common spaces.

This place is enormous, there are a lot of people living here. Sometimes this is good because I like having friends to talk to. Sometimes it is a bad thing because there are too many fights. This is why I sometimes I want to go to a different place. I have family living in other parts of Australia, like Bribie Island and Canberra, and I used to live in Hervey Bay. I think I want to live in Bribie Island.

My room is often too hot, and I need a new fan at the moment. The one I have is broken and I don't know who will replace it or whether it is something I must replace myself. I also need a new tv. The one I have is broken so I can't watch my DVDs. I think I have money for a new tv, but I don't know if I need to replace it, or it is something for [REDACTED] to pay for. If I need to pay for it, I can but I still need help doing that.

I wish we had access to bikes and treadmills and sewing machines here so I could do things I like. I really want to work at the RSPCA but I'm having trouble getting a job there – I don't know how to do it. I also really want to do more things with another resident, who plays guitar. I play the keyboard, so I wish we had a way to play together. Sometimes we can play together but not enough. I want to do it more. My keyboard is very quiet.

I also like line dancing. I told the staff I want to do it and they said they will see about it, but nothing is happening, and I want help following that up. I like playing darts, basketball, and bowling but there is nowhere to do that here. It's only me. One time [REDACTED] (worker) took me but never since. [REDACTED] (manager) takes me to the foot doctor once a week. I think this is ok.

Every second Friday I go to endeavour to do some work. I do food packaging there and they pay me for it. I think they pay me \$250.

I want my submission... To be published, including my name and the name of where I live



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