Body Corporate & Community Management & Other

Legislation Amendment Bill 2012
Submission 031

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As I understand it, the maximum increase that can be instigated annually for body corporate fees is 10%.

As this far exceeds the CPI, I feel the major problem stems from this figure.

Many body corporate committees automatically increase fees by 10% annually, just because they can, taking no other consideration into account.

I am on the floor of Burleigh Beach Tower but there are no penthouses and my unit is no larger than others. I pay larger fees. However, I accept that I use the lift more than lower units to get to my floor and the height for painting, washing and window cleaning would incur greater costs. I concur that it is fair that my fees be higher, but I feel the difference is far too great.

Summing up, I would like to see:

- (a) A reduction in the allowable annual increase.
- (b) An adjustment in the difference between lower and higher floors.

Yours sincerely,
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