



The Research Director  
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee  
Parliament House,  
George Street  
Brisbane Q'ld 4000

Dear Sir,

We thank you for introducing the bill into parliament on 14 September 2012-10-08 and we express our support for this amendment.

My husband and I own a unit at Q1 on a high floor and this is our home.

We are pensioners, and cannot afford to pay the fees that were changed due to the new legislation of April 2011 which meant that the contributions ordered by QCAT in June 2010 could be reversed by an owner, which recently occurred at Q1.

On top of the Body Corporate fees, the council charges us more for rates (known as a view tax) because of the level where our unit is positioned.

We do not mind to pay a little more for body corporate levies, but not thousands of dollars more for maintaining and improving the common property.

To make ends meet, we are contemplating to move out of our apartment and rent a very small one bedroom apartment so that we can holiday let our own unit and earn enough money to pay the mortgage and body corporate fees. We have always paid our bills and are proud people who do not ask for help.

Because the levies have increased, the value of high floor units have dropped to such an extent that the banks have written to many owners requiring them to sell their unit.

This includes us. We have put our home on the market but the price is well below what the bank requires. A reprieve for people like us is so desperately needed.

We encourage the Government to proceed to reverse the reversal to a fair system and hope the levies can be applied back from 14 September 2012 when the Bill was introduced into Parliament.

Thank you

Yours sincerely,

Frank and Anna Melit

