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The Research Director
Legal Affairs & Community Safety Committee
Parliament House, George St, Brisbane

Dear Director

Re: Body Corporate & Community Management Act.

When people purchase an apartment they expect Body Corporate Levies to increase at the same rate as other owners, and they do not expect owners of cheaper units to pay more proportionately than owners of higher priced units.

If I cannot afford to pay increased Body Corporate levies I will be forced to sell. However, even if the property market was not depressed, my unit would be worth less due to the proposed inequitable levy system. Many wealthier owners, own other dwellings so would not be inconvenienced if they had to sell, or could rent their property.

The last time this happened my Body Corporate levy increased to the same amount as a larger high-rise unit, consequently increasing its already higher value than my lower smaller unit.

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