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We were most interested to read your newspaper advertisement asking for input on the abovementioned subject.

As a retired couple, we purchased our apartment on a low level floor in Contessa, Main Beach in 2000. We were then absent for some time whilst the apartment was being renovated.

Shortly after taking up residence, we were surprised to find that our Body Corporate contributions had been severely increased. On enquiring, we were advised that these were the new legal charges and there could be no further discussion.

In the past year or so, we understand there have been several approaches made to lawyers to clearly ascertain as to whether there will be any further changes; in fact, in Contessa's case, the Body Corp. has spent several thousands of dollars of our joint funds on legal fees only to be told, in a matter of a couple of paragraphs, that it is not possible to change the present situation.

We are aware that a 20 year odd building such as Contessa needs proper care & maintenance, which it is getting, but the way in which the Body Corp. charges are distributed amongst larger & higher and lower and smaller apartments is of great concern. We believe a fairer system would be that all parties are charged according to size of unit and height in the building.

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