

Dear Premier or local member,

Re: Body Corporate and Community Management Act (BCCMA) Amendment 2012.

I refer to the article which appeared in the Gold Coast Bulletin on Saturday 29th.September inviting Submissions to be made to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee on the Bill which Proposes a number of changes to the Body Corporate and Community Act 1997, including the removal of the 2011 reversion process (to adjust the contribution schedule lot entitlements for Unit owners). This amendment was presented to Parliament on the 14th.September, submissions to be made by the 19thOctober, which does not give unit owners, adversely affected by this legislation, sufficient time to digest the proposed changes and then make submission. Why the haste?

My wife and I bought our unit when I retired, we agreed, at the time of sale to what our levies would be, our unit is 2, bedrooms, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, en suite, and TV room. Over the years a few unit owners on some floors in the building, have bought the units adjoining theirs, many of these unit owners have 3 bedrooms and the adjoining bought units are 2 bedrooms, some have 3 bedrooms, these unit owners now have, 5, or 6 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 en suites 2, kitchens, 2 lounges, 2 TV rooms etc. they amalgamate the two units by putting a door in an adjoining wall and "Abba- Ka- Dabra" two units have now immediately become one, now they say they only have one unit and want their levies reduced, the shortfall in Body Corporate levies is now passed on to one unit owners, this to me and 90% of one unit owners as sheer greed and also treating their fellow one unit owners with contempt, we consider this as most unfair and inequitable, if they can afford to purchase two units, then they can well afford to pay the levies on two units.

Mr.Premier, this amendment if passed, will most certainly disadvantage thousands of one unit owners, particularly those on fixed incomes, also small businesses and restaurants and we ask you in all fairness to thousands of Queenslanders to please stop this amendment proceeding.

Yours faithfully,

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