Body Corporate & Community Management & Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 Submission 152



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The Research Director Legal Affairs & Community Safety Committee Parliament House George Street Brisbane 4000

Dear Sir,

re: Body Corporate and Community Management and other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012.

We refer to the introduction of the above bill by the Attorney General and Minister for Justice, the Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP, on 14th September 2012.

Recognition of the fact that the 2011 reversion process was flawed and that reinstatement of the last adjustment order is imperative has come as a great relief.

It did seem inequitable to allow one owner to effectively overturn the lawful order of a specialist adjudicator who deemed the previous lot entitlement contributions to be unfair.

Prior to 2011 all 54 owners in our complex had one lot entitlement; therefore we were all paying the same levies. This is only equitable; we all live in three bedroom townhouses and have equal access to, and use of, the same common areas.

I can understand in a Strata Title situation, where there is a lift in the building, there needs to be an arrangement where the person on the top floor pays more of the maintenance costs of the lift than the person on the ground floor. It would seem to simple thing to separate out those buildings with a lift and those without, and legislate those accordingly.

The bill that has been introduced is most welcome and extremely appropriate to all community title schemes. We commend the government, and offer our full support

Yours faithfully,

Brenda Friend