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We are writing in regard to the once again proposed changes to Body Corporate Levies.

We purchased our 1 plus 1 unit in the Pinnacle over 5 years ago and were advised at the time what our body corporate levies would be just as anyone purchasing any unit would be weather they are buying a small unit or a Penthouse ! How can it now be just and fair to now CHANGE the rules !

We are now nearing retirement and will be on a fixed income, we both believe that paying a fair body corporate levy based on the size of our unit is the only just and equitable way and the only way we can afford to stay in our home !

We have already had to survive our body corporate levies being increased by over 70% which put undo hardship on us, before the previous government closed the loophole and levies returned to a just and equitable amount as was set by the developers of our building, now once again we are facing the stress of an unknown future.

Our building "The Pinnacle" is not a building where each unit is the same size and we all pay the same levies and we believe that surely a small unit that can only accommodate 2 people should NOT be levied the same or more than a larger unit or sub penthouse or penthouse that can easily accommodate 6 to 8 adults or more !

The changes the now Government is considering will negatively affect 95% of smaller unit owners on the Gold Coast and will only be a positive change to the richer, larger unit owners.

We believe that the only "FAIR & EQUITABLE" outcome would be to leave the levies as they are in existing buildings as per the original developers levy systems.

Yours faithfully,

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