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Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

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If there is to be a Human Rights Act for Queensland, I submit that property rights should be included. A worthy model would be the European Human Property Right Convention which protects amenity and privacy by including the following Article as Article 1 of Protocol 1.

Every natural or legal person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions. No one shall be deprived of his possessions except in the public

interest and subject to the conditions provided for by law and by the general principles of international law.

At the moment, residents' justifiable expectations for their property and for the future development of the area are being denied by a Planning Act which is

dismissive of the local Zoning and other provisions. Proposed new Planning Bills are no improvement and have been criticised by the Crime and Corruption Commission as

allowing so much discretion that it invites corruption.

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