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The Research Director
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee
Parliament House
Brisbane QLD 4000

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to declare my support for a Human Rights Act for Queensland.

I would ask that the Act include measures to protect people's amenity and privacy with regard to their homes. Proposed planning laws will result in 95% of Brisbane's development applications being made code assessable without people having a right to say what happens in their own backyard.

Developers have argued that people can address this issue by having a say in the development of local planning and neighbourhood schemes. However people are finding out to their shock and horror that planning scheme codes do not matter as Council allow non-compliant developments to be approved.

In the last few years, we have been faced with a nearby development proposal which through the height, the scale and bulk of the building, impacts on our visual amenity both through loss of green views and a huge increase in lighting at night. The development was incompatible with our local planning scheme both in terms of height and site ratio. The addition of an extra 7 units with their balconies has caused an increase in noise nuisance in our neighbourhood.

I notice that the proposed planning legislation does include the protection of amenity and privacy in its purpose statement. I believe that the Human Rights Act should contain something similar to the European Convention to address this situation.

The European Human Rights Convention protects amenity and privacy through the inclusion of the following:

"Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 of the European Convention on Human Rights states:

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."

I also believe that the Human Rights Act should include a requirement for the impacts of Climate Change to be at the forefront when governments are making decisions which involve the preservation and maintenance of healthy and sustainable eco systems on which people are dependent on for their livelihoods and their health.

Yours sincerely

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Clive Rippon /

Responses to City Plan 2014

“Concerns had been aired in public submissions that the increase in maximum building height would see the gradual rise of the three storey building in the city's suburbs...”

Recent development in my area

