LAPCSESC Law Reform Submission 003

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To: Legal Affairs Police Corrective Services and Emerg Svc Committee

Subject: Amendment to Manufactured Homes Act

To Whom It May Concern.

Part 22 Amendment of Manufactured Homes (Residential Park) Act 2003

I live in such a residential park.

We have been paying a higher rate for electricity than that paid by the park owner. Also we have been paying a monthly "service fee", which is included in the electricity bill issued to us. The Government electricity subsidy to pensioners is deducted from our bill, leaving us to pay the residue.

Under the new act, the "service fee", I understand, will be added to the weekly "site fee", and therefore not covered by the Government subsidy.

A significant number of residents in our village now have Solar Power installed. Our monthly bills are often zero. The monthly "service fee" was covered by the Government subsidy.

Now, however, we will have to pay extra site fees, to cover "service fees", even if we are not buying electricity,

An amendment to the Act is needed.

My proposal is to leave the "service fee" attached to the electricity bill (even if there is no power charge) so that it is covered by the Government subsidy

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