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Dear Committee,

The Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Amendment Bill **2011** fails to address the significant financial disadvantage imposed on park residents (compared to other Queensland residents) by the Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Amendment Bill **2010 section 99A** .for the following reasons.

All households are charged a service fee of \$8.50 on their monthly electricity accounts which makes it an integral part of the total cost of electricity supply. Section 99A and the proposed 2011 amendment prevent a residential park owner charging the service fee as an electricity charge and the owner now intends to add the service charge to the site fees.

The financial disadvantage occurs due to many residents of Paradise Lake Resort, who are pensioners having installed Solar Power Panels now have a very low or nil kilowatt hour consumption or, are elderly single persons living alone using minimal electricity. These people are eligible for the Governments rebate of up to \$19.21 and no longer can take advantage of the rebate applying to the service fee charge.

I assume that this is an unforeseen consequence of the amendment and not a ploy by the government to deprive those pensioners, who are doing their bit for the environment by installing solar power and limiting their electricity usage, of the rebate.

I submit that the part 22 amendment be altered to allow park owners, who own and maintain their own Electricity infrastructure, to include the service fee in the electricity charge.