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The Committee Secretary
State Development, Natural Resources and
Agricultural Industry Development
Parliament House,
George Street
Brisbane QLD 4000.

Dear Sir/Madam

The following submission outlines my objections to the proposed amendments to the Sanctuaries Care Resort Act (SCRA) and the proposed live retirement facility within

The economic impact of the proposed legislation includes the likelihood of massive property devaluations in Sanctuaries Care. Currently, the estimated valuations of residential property in the Care exceeds two billion dollars, if this legislation were to proceed, it would factor in the need for just and adequate compensation to current residential property owners, many who have been residents in the Care longer than the present developer.

The amendments to S.C.R.A. have been proposed despite residents alerting the Minister via email and letter that the majority of residents in Sanctuaries Care are opposed to this

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development and thought ourselves to be protected from economic exploitation and lifestyle changes by the existence of S.C.R.A. and the protection of the Queen's Land Government.

In 1985 at the second reading of the Bill that became the Sanctuary Cove Resort Act, the Minister stated that: "any decisions made by the Principal Body Corporation which affects the interest of members must be carried by a special resolution, which requires at least 75% support by its members based on the voting entitlements mentioned previously. Despite a petition tabled in Parliament on the 1st December 2015, the Government has proceeded to lodge this amendment without obtaining 75% approval.

Meanwhile, opinion polls on Sanctuary Cove's local Facebook sites, both a residents site and one created by management indicates clearly that residents do not support the proposed retirement facility and are demanding a democratic "one vote, one lot" system to confirm to the government that Coveo is not welcome in Sanctuary Cove.

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and let us not forget that recent Four Corners episode 'Bleed them Dry', which shed such an unfavourable light on the Amco organisation. After such exposure, it is little wonder that the residents of Sanctuary Cove wish to protect themselves and future residents from the quality of "care" that is the reality of this company.

The Palaszczuk government was elected and re-elected on a platform of honesty and integrity, which I have hitherto believed to be an accurate one, from a party whose ideology has always been to protect the rights of the individual over the power and pressure from big business. I hope my faith has not been misplaced in this instance.

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