



Speech by

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**GUIDES TO BODY CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT ACT**

**Mrs GAMIN** (Burleigh—NPA) (7.16 p.m.): On 27 May, I spoke about a book called Community Title Schemes published by Mrs Ruth Tarlo, which explains the ins and outs of group titles and the impact of the Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997 on unit owners. I have now received advice from the Body Corporate Managers Institute Queensland Limited that former Unit Owners Association president Alan Richardson has also published an easy-to-read interpretation of the legislation and the standard regulations, including the December 1997 amendments. Mr Richardson's book is titled A Layman's Guide to the Queensland Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997. I thank the institute for providing me with a copy for my office use. The book costs \$25, plus a postage and handling charge of \$5. I seek leave to table a copy of the order form and other information for the interest of members.

Leave granted.

**Mrs GAMIN:** I am grateful to the Body Corporate Managers Institute for bringing this book to my attention. I congratulate Mr Richardson on his enterprise, and I have previously congratulated Mrs Ruth Tarlo on her efforts. The former Lands Department used to distribute a very handy booklet called Guide to Unit Owners, and the current Department of Natural Resources is dragging its feet in replacing this publication.

There are many high-rise buildings in my electorate, as well as apartment blocks and duplex residences, all of which come within the ambit of the Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997. Unit owners require a plain English explanation of some of the complexities of the legislation that controls units and bodies corporate, and answers are required to questions commonly asked by unit owners. The Department of Natural Resources has fallen down on the job and has been overtaken by private enterprise, and again I commend both authors on producing these much-needed handbooks.

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