




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Everton Electorate, Social Housing Tenant

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (7.44 pm): My message is to the Minister for Housing, Leeanne Enoch, the person who is ultimately responsible for those who have the privilege of living in taxpayer subsidised social housing. Sizer Street in Everton Park is a street that is normally peaceful and full of law-abiding residents. It is one that has many residents who have lived there for decades. Their lives have been put in disarray over the last 12 months because of the unruly behaviour of a family who lives in social housing in Sizer Street.

I have been inundated with complaints from people who simply want to be able to live their lives peacefully. I have been told things like this from my constituents: that they treat their neighbours and their entire community as well as the police with total contempt, that they are lawless and cause constant fear and anxiety to the law-abiding Everton Park people. My constituents say that enough is enough. There are violent fights every night. The family uses foul language. There is banging of furniture and smashing noises, and there is screaming. They break the trees on the footpaths to use the branches as weapons. My constituents have had cause to contact the Everton Park police on approximately six occasions over the last eight months. Their complaints are to do with noise, abusive language and threats of violence to other occupants.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Bush): Member, before you proceed, given those comments, are you able to confirm that there are no ongoing matters that might be subjected to sub judice?

Mr MANDER: Absolutely. Another comment from a constituent is that they do not feel their house, belongings and children are safe in Everton Park because of this. They said that Everton Park used to feel like a safe place to bring up their children but it no longer does. I have written to and made countless calls to the minister and the department of housing, as have my constituents. My constituents have had enough. They want to be able to live peacefully. I feel sorry for the department because they are the victims of the policies of a government that does not want to act on people who do not respect their neighbours when they are in social housing.

The latest information from the department—and it is just a week or two old—says that they have recently substantiated several concerns regarding the behaviour of these tenants and that appropriate action has taken place but due to privacy they were unable to tell me what those specific actions were. I can tell the House that nothing has happened because as late as this morning the police had to go to this household again because of their unruly behaviour.

My constituents are not asking for too much. All they are asking is that they can live in peace and that these people who do not appreciate or respect their privacy are moved on immediately. Minister Enoch, do something now.