

To Whom it May Concern,

RE: Submission regarding Insurance Premiums

My partner & I bought our first home a townhouse in [REDACTED] on 14/02/2008.

In 2008 our insurance premium was \$3568.29 with [REDACTED]

In 2010 our insurance premium was \$5,857.75 with [REDACTED]

In 2011 our insurance premium is \$12,609.05 with [REDACTED]

See attached quotations, as proof of this. The body corporate committee did their shopping around and these were the best prices they could find.

Every year they have been hiked up. But 2011 has seen an increase of more than double the previous year. As a result of these hikes in insurance premiums, as well as increases in common electricity and water our body corporate levies have increased exponentially

Our Body Corporate Levy when we bought our unit in 2008 was around \$2000 per annum

In 2011 our levy for our unit was \$3403.10 per annum

In 2012 it is expected to be \$5464.02 per annum

We have never made any claims or suffered any damage as a result of any cyclones or floods the region may get.

We find ourselves struggling financially to pay our mortgage. We are currently living in our unit, however if we decided to rent it out we would be negative gearing and in our situation would not be viable as we would make a significant loss.

Our only option is to sell and now that many investors are not in the market, nor are there any first home buyers we will most likely make a loss selling our townhouse.

The insurance companies have not thought this through. It will not only hurt the owners of units, but also the renters as rent prices increase to cover expenses. It will also hurt many tradespersons such as the gardener, pool man & maintenance man. As prices go up, many expenses will be cut, which means job losses as well.

There a lot of people in our situation and worse because of these increases in insurance premiums.

Something needs to be done about it, please help us.

Should you need to contact me for more information our details are:-

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