

15th January 2012

SUBMISSION

Re: Strata Title Insurance Enquiry.

Dear Sir/Madam

We have owned a beachfront apartment at Yorkeys Knob for over (10) years and during this period the Body Corporate have made only small individual claims of insignificant amounts. Insurance premiums have only risen slightly during that (10) year period up until new premiums were issued last year. With our complex of (24) apartments, our premiums have increased from \$23,000 in 2010-2011 to a quote of \$95,000 in 2011-2012. Eventually (after many further quotes and much time spent by retired professional owners in the complex who we were fortunate to have) renewed our insurance for \$59,000. This represents a hike in costs to us of well over 100%.

Even though we are in a cyclone zone in Cairns, our area has not been badly affected by cyclone damage and to the best of our knowledge nor have any other accommodation complexes in our location.

The increase in the cost of insurance is not warranted and we request a parliamentary inquiry be carried out on insurance companies so that we can have this unaccountable increase in our costs resolved and hopefully returned to normal.

If Government had not sold off the state owned insurance offices during the last few years to cover the huge deficits both Federal and State Governments have forced upon us by mismanagement, we would not be in the present financial bind.

If the Government cannot stop insurance companies from gouging – almost extorting – more money from Strata unit owners, then we should return to Government run institutions as before.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted Signature]

Darryl Harris - Director

Sue Harris - Director

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