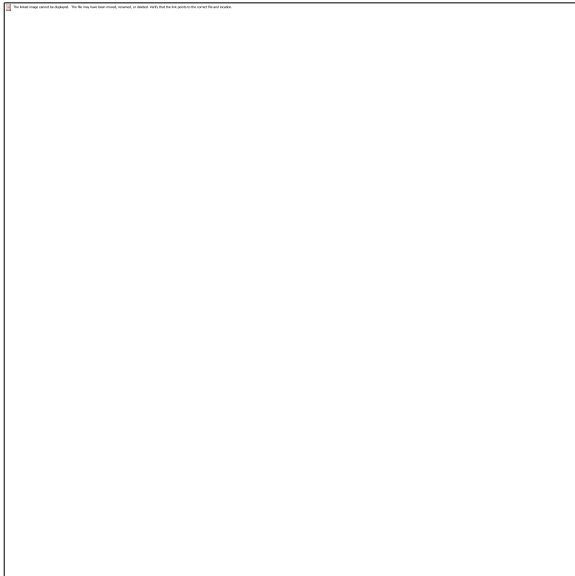


Dear Sirs,

I write to express my concern at the extreme increases in insurance premiums for residential strata title buildings in Northern Queensland. The increase in costs has been shocking. My father who is 89 years old and living on a limited income has been put in a position where he has had to draw on savings in order to pay for these increase costs. I do understand that insurance companies are responding to the natural disasters that occurred during 2011, but I think that government (State or Federal) ought to look closely at the level of the increases and whether they constitute "gouging". This level of increase is unsustainable and I would have thought that government would be concerned that some individuals will be put in a position of hardship should this level of insurance continue.

I am hopeful that an equitable solution can be found and look forward to the deliberation and decisions of your committee.

Kind regards,



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