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CHAIRMAN ETI INQUIRY REFERENCE: RESIDENTIAL PARKS (LONG STAY TENANTS) ACT 2006.

DEAR DR NATHAN

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE. HERE

OUR SUBMISSION

WE WERE VERBALLY ASSURED WHEN WE PURCHASED OUR PARK HOME BY THE THEN OWNERS RON AND RITA ADDENDROCKE THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT LONG STAY TOURIST PARK CLOSING AS THE PARK OWNERS WERE IN THE PROCESS OF BUYING TRAVEL AND TOURIST PARK'S IN VARIOUS PARTS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

THE LEGISLATION AS SET OUT AT THE MOMENT IS STACKED ENTIRELLY IN FAVOUR OF THE PARK OWNERS. THE ONLY BENEFIT IF YOU COULD CALL IT THAT IS THE INCREASE IN THE TIME FOR EVICTION INCREASED. TO 180 DAYS NOT MUCH HELP WHEN THE IS NOWHERE TO RELOCATE TO AND AT A HUGE EXPENSE WITH ESTIMATED COSTS TO SELL SITE SET AT \$20000.00 AT PRESENT. ADD TO THIS THE PRESSURE AND HARRASSMENT TO SIGN UNREALISTIC LEASES AND BEING TOLD TO PAY A BOND OF ONE MONTH'S RENT FOR LIVING IN THE PARK FOR OVER TWELVE MONTHS HAS CAUSED MY WIFE AND MYSELF A LOT OF ANGUISH AND A LOT OF SLEEPLESS NIGHTS. AT ONE STAGE WE THOUGHT WE MIGHT LOSE OUR HOME altogether. WITH ALL THE PROBLEMS GOING ON IT HAS MADE PARK VIRTUALLY WORTHLESS AND IMPOSSIBLE TO SELL.

REVISE THE LEGISLATION TO GIVE A BIT MORE SECURITY TO RESIDENTS WITH PARK HOMES AND PROVIDE MORE PARKS

YES WE REQUESTED A SITE INSPECTION AND WAS DENIED AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN TOLD WHEN WE PURCHASED OUR HOME THERE WOULD BE A BOND. THE PARK AGREEMENT ALLOWED FOR EVICTION NO REASON NEEDED. IF MY GRANDCHILDREN WISHED TO STAY OVERNIGHT WE WERE TOLD IT WOULD COST \$8 PER CHILD WHEN I ENQUIRED WHY THIS WAS SO THE PARK OWNERS

TO COVER GAS AND ELECTRICITY AND I BROUGHT IT TO HIS ATTENTION
THAT MOST OF THE PARK HOME OWNERS HAD L.P.G. BOTTLES AND ELECTRICITY METER BOX'S
AND PAY THOSE EXPENS'S OURSELVES. HE STATED IT WAS THE RULES FOR THE
PARK. ALSO IF HAD GUESTS IN OUR HOMES AFTER 9.30^{PM} WE WOULD HAVE
TO PAY \$8.00 FOR EACH GUEST RIDICULOUS IN THE EXTREME.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ~~HAD~~ ALLOWED PARK HOMES TO BE MOVED INTO
CARAVAN AND TOURIST PARKS MOST SPENDING LIFE SAVING'S TO BUY THESE HOMES.
AND BEING PENSIONERS WISHING TO RETIRE SOME OF US ARE STILL WORKING AT
THE MOMENT AND PURCHASED HOMES SO WE COULD RETIRE IN A VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT.
WITH A LITTLE BIT MORE SECURITY. HOW WRONG CAN YOU BE.

ALSO THE ~~CLOSURE~~ CLOSURE OF KING'SWAY TOURIST PARK AFFECT'S A LOT
OF OTHER PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY AS A LOT OF SPORTING GROUPS USE TO
PARK FOR ACCOMODATION WHEN THERE ARE STATE & INTERSTATE SPORTING EVENTS
AND IT MUST HAVE A HUGE EFFECT ON TOURISM. WE ARE ONLY ASKING
FOR A FAIR GO

YOURS FAITHFULLY

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