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## Submission Cover Sheet

### Inquiry into Building Quality in the ACT

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I write as the owner of Unit [REDACTED] and in support of the group submission made by the Executive Committee of the [REDACTED]. I support all the points raised in our joint submission but wish to add weight to this by sharing my personal story of how the negligence of [REDACTED], the ACT Government and ACTPLA has impacted my life.

I bought the apartment in April 2014 because I was interested in finding a place close to work. In addition to proximity to work, I chose this unit as my new, small family needed a more permanent place to stay as we had been renting for quite some time.

After saving for several years, both my wife and I eventually decided to buy the unit with the help of First Home Buyer grant. We put a significant portion of our saving to be able to afford the unit. The unit was advertised as brand new, unoccupied unit in a great and convenient suburb. We expected to own a good unit as it was recently built and never occupied.

However, within two years (the age of the property is three years old) we have noticed multiple issues that arise due to the building quality. Starting from abnormal humidity in the underground parking lot to poor exhaust system that resulted in poor air circulation within the unit, there are more and more issues identified. I have attended multiple owners meeting, and I found multiple unit owners having the same problem.

Due to this circumstance, my family and I have to spend extra money on paying additional levies to assess the building accurately. I have to return back and forth during the working day to open the unit for the building inspector to assess the damage. Recently, after all those time and money invested into finding the problem, we face the possibility of not having the issue fixed by the construction company. If this claim is not successful, my family and I have to pay an additional \$85,000, a significant amount of money for a small family. These, of course, put us into lots of emotional and financial stress.

Now, we live in a different state, and we have to rent the unit. Even if this claim is successful, we have to wait several more years before we can sell the unit for a better price.

Therefore, I am writing this letter with the hope that the Standing Committee can relook into this matter and consider our joint submission by the Executive Committee of the [REDACTED].