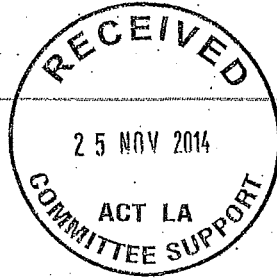


To:
Subject: RE: Forgotten Mr Fluffy victims




From: Gowling, Emma
Sent: Tuesday, 25 November 2014 9:36 AM
To: Cullen, Andrea
Subject: FW: Forgotten Mr Fluffy victims

Hi Andrea,

I am forwarding this to you in your capacity as Secretary To Standing Committee On Public Accounts.

Kind regards,

Emma Gowling | Office Manager | Office of Brendan Smyth MLA
Member for Brindabella
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Shadow Minister for Business & Economic Development
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-----Original Message-----

From: Challenger
Sent: Wednesday, 19 November 2014 2:16 PM
To: SMYTH
Subject: Forgotten Mr Fluffy victims

Dear Mr Smyth,

My name is Challenger and I am writing to you in your capacity as Chairman of PAC.

My family's situation is that we sold our Mr Fluffy house in [redacted] in June with full disclosure of the asbestos issue, for a loss of around \$80,000. We were in a position where we had to sell because we purchased a new home in Wright in January before we even had any clue that our existing house was a Mr Fluffy.

We are now faced with a mortgage on our new home that is more than we can afford and are relying on financial support from my elderly mother to make the repayments. We want to be reimbursed for the difference between what we sold for (\$403,000) and market value. The buyback scheme does not address our situation at all and I have written to Andrew Kefford, the Chief Minister and Minister Rattenbury seeking answers but none of them have responded to me at this time. I have provided the Taskforce with all the details of our situation, including copies of two valuations for the Wanniasa house, but have not yet heard back from them.

The buyback scheme provides for reimbursement for those who privately demolished before the scheme and it strikes me as quite unfair and inconsistent that those who privately sold (at a loss and with full disclosure) are not also being reimbursed. Isn't it the same principle?

I note that as part of the scheme, those houses which sold after the February letter will be bought back at the contract price, rather than market value. If we are not reimbursed the difference then the government will be making a saving at our expense, considering that if we had not sold, the government would have had to pay market value for the house.

I am very concerned that funds are not being fairly and consistently appropriated. Can I ask you, please, to give us a voice on this issue. We feel like the forgotten victims of this disaster because no-one seems willing or able to help us. We have suffered a significant and quantifiable loss and feel as though we are being ignored. Can you please advise whether it would be appropriate for me to make a submission to the PAC on this issue?

Thank you kindly for your time and consideration,

Challenger

Sent from my iPad