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Inquiry into Building Quality in the ACT

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INQUIRY INTO BUILDING QUALITY IN THE ACT – SUBMISSIONS OPEN

Inquiry into building quality in the ACT: Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism invites submissions to its inquiry into Building Quality in the ACT.

I write as the owner of [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 my apartment in 2012 to initially to live in. I then decided to lease the apartment out soon after as an investment. Since owning the apartment it has significantly lost value due to the issues with the building. The bad reputation spreads through the real estate circles, and valuations decrease. This has caused a significant financial burden on myself and my husband as the body corporate rates have remained inflated for some time to accommodate the current legal action taking place. At the same time, due to the reputation of the [REDACTED], rental income has stayed stagnant.

Currently my husband and I are on one income as I have recently had a baby. Our reduced income and the impact of making a repeated loss each year on the investment is causing us significant emotional and financial stress.

I regularly suffer from high anxiety about whether we have enough money to cover the bills and purchase food. I have had countless sleepless nights worrying about the situation and to find a positive way forward. If this situation is not resolved in the coming months I'll be forced to sell my apartment, most likely at a significant loss. All due to an incompetent builder and what appears to be a deficient building code approvals system.

Kind regards,
Claire Canale

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