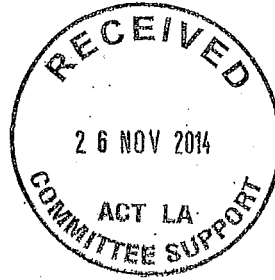



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Inquiry into the proposed Appropriation (Loose-fill Asbestos Insulation Eradication) Bill 2014-15

My submission is that you should not be holding this inquiry until the Chief Minister, her government and task force undertake meaningful negotiations to reach compromises with all affected homeowners. By doing that in good faith they just might not need to spend quite so much money.

We're supposed to live in a democracy; this is NOT democracy, it's dictatorship. The Chief Minister has ignored warnings in previous years about asbestos contamination and so far as I am concerned, is using the health dangers of possible free-floating asbestos as a cover to grab residential land throughout the ACT.

This destruction of people's homes is a fraudulent charade being perpetrated on all the citizens of the ACT with the Mr Fluffy homeowners being used as scapegoats.

At no point has the task force or the Chief Minister made any overtures to people about a willingness to negotiate with them over the possibility of long term solutions to enable them to keep their homes (doing that might even save the government some money). No, they just want to destroy the homes so the ACT government can get its grasping, greedy hands on the land our homes stand on so it can be subdivided and sold to developers. No wonder the government is concerned about Defence releasing some of its ACT land onto the market. Further, they have no regard for the amenity of neighbouring properties and the effect on them - or maybe they do as they will find some way of saying that the land valuations of those blocks have gone up because of the building of multiple dwellings in the immediate vicinity.

Twenty-one years ago, when my late husband and I were forced from our home to allow it to be allegedly cleaned, we only had small items of our belongings stolen from within our home; this time the government is stealing the home.

You all remain our humble and obedient servants

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I know asbestos in all its forms is a dangerous substance and poses great health risks.