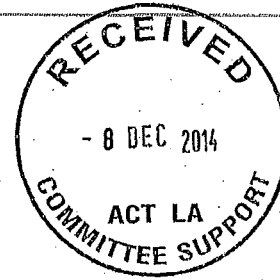


Subject: RE: Mr Fluffy Buy Back and Rezoning Concern

From:
Sent: Thursday, 4 December 2014 2:29 PM
To: Smyth, Brendan
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To Mr Brendan Smyth MLA

Dear Brendan

As a resident of _____, one of the suburbs with the greatest concentration of homes affected by the Mr Fluffy issue, I am writing to express my concern about the proposed buyback and in particular rezoning of affected blocks.

Thankfully, our home is not a Mr Fluffy home, but we know several families that are affected and deeply distressed about their situation, the way the Government is handling the crisis and the uncertainty about their future. Our street alone has approximately 10 Mr Fluffy affected homes. Our dear next door neighbour is an owner of a Mr Fluffy home in which she has lived for 25 years, and she cried as she told us of her incredibly difficult decision to sign up to the ACT Governments buy back scheme and move on, as the restrictions placed on her should she decide to stay were too great, even though her preference was to stay and she had said so prior to receiving the notice about the restrictions. This was very sad and difficult to witness.

In addition to the great hardship caused to the owners of Mr Fluffy homes, it also affects neighbours and other residents. The rezoning of these blocks which would allow unit titling will greatly affect our street, and also reduce the value of neighbouring properties and homes.


A major reason for our decision to live in _____ as we have done for 14 years is due to the quiet suburban character and feel of our street and neighbourhood. To be soon surrounded by units, townhouses and duplexes instead of single dwellings is not consistent with the existing characteristics of our street in _____

What is particularly disturbing is the decision to rezone without any consultation with the residents of the affected areas, not allowing open discussion about the consequences of this decision with those whom it will directly affect, and not allowing us to voice our opinions or concerns about this decision.

The ACT Governments decision to rezone perhaps best suits themselves, but consideration of the far reaching effects of this decision must be given not only to all of the Mr Fluffy owners directly affected, but also to all of the other innocent victims of this decision including neighbours of Mr Fluffy blocks and other residents in the affected streets and suburbs.

There should be more consultation with affected communities. We write to you as a representative of the electorate of Brindabella to express the above concerns and ask that you convey this message on our behalf to those concerned with making decisions on this matter, and also ask what you personally are doing to ensure that the current character of our streets, suburbs and neighbourhoods are preserved and not adversely affected by this Mr Fluffy issue?

Your sincerely
Parkinson

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