

**Submission
No 21**

**INQUIRY INTO SOCIAL, PUBLIC AND AFFORDABLE
HOUSING**

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Select Committee on Social, Public and Affordable Housing.

I have been fortunate in being housed at an Affordable Housing unit within a Retirement Village, I was previously living in Public Housing with my wife and my health was getting so bad I was unable to maintain the gardens and grounds where we lived. We were nominated for a unit that became vacant through the Affordable Housing and are very grateful, however, the Retirement village comes under a different Act to the Residential Tenancy Act which we are covered by in Affordable Housing.

Where we live now there is eighteen loan licence tenants and twelve affordable housing tenants, as an affordable housing tenant I cannot vote or be on a committee and this causes a them and us regime. The committee in their wisdom make decisions that affect ALL tenant's, we would like a chance to speak and also be a part of the committee that make the decisions. It is our wish that provision within the ACT's allow for this to become a reality, hoping your committee can see a solution to this anomaly, I respectfully submit this item for inclusion to your inquiry.

Sincerely

Eric J Dickson