

**Submission
No 196**

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

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As a resident who grew up in North Ryde as a department of housing tenant I am shocked to hear that vulnerable people within our communities have been threatened to be removed from their home as though second class citizens. Research tells us that geographic location and one's postcode area has a significant impact on the outcome of people of low socio-economic status. By removing people away from their homes in North Ryde we are moving them away from their social capital (also significant in positive outcomes), local infrastructure, education institutes and well supported communities. Growing up in North Ryde enabled me to escape poverty in a dignified manner and enabled me to build networks and find support from people of a higher SES background. By moving people to 'ghetto' department of housing suburbs we are reinforcing social and class division that is against one's human rights. The right to be equal. I strongly urge that you protect these residents from the forced removal of their homes and community.