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**INQUIRY INTO SOCIAL, PUBLIC AND AFFORDABLE
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Dear Director and Committee,

I have some important questions I would like to put to you all.

Doing this I would hope that it may help you think about the answers and in doing so it would help you to understand where I am going to with my questions.

- 1 Do you like where you live?
- 2 Do you like living in the home you live with your family?
- 3 Do other family and friends pop in just to say "hello" and also for get-togethers etc.?
- 4 When out and about in your area do you stop and chat to people you meet in the street, the corner or local shops?

To me the answer to these questions if I was asked them would be yes, yes, yes and yes, there is a name for these questions and answers I would say and the name is Community - simple isn't it.

Our community of Millers, Dawes Point and The Rocks has been here more or less since the Colony came into being over 200 yrs ago. The mix of people has always been good, bad, well-off and poor all living in close quarters to each other and even today is still happening in our small community.

I feel another question coming on - So why suddenly is this Govt elected by the people thinking of cleansing this community of its citizens?

This fact seems to want poor, penniless and low income people out of sight and out of mind - why? There are still people in this community whose families have been here for generations working in the city, unharmed and content and just getting on with life. Because of money problems which are not of our doing but governments who are supposed to be working for us - U.S.C. we and I might add other social or low income communities close into the city are being targeted and cleared away of ordinary people and where are we all going to be shunted to? away past a line of desecration that well-off people and many tourists won't have to look at us, why are don't worry about that and here in our community we chat to all and the tourists are happy to find out personal family histories that are not with guide books or with tour guides, for maybe they know that in our area the history of this place is not only the Built history but oral as well and if we and other social communities are treated with cold unfeeling and indifferent plans, what will be left behind when we are forced out will be nothing so please I ask of you all let the fact know that it isn't a good idea to destroy or maybe this fact counts of it as a gentle genocide (not really destroying whole communities) as have been done before in other countries but just removing us to where ever that may be.

Yours sincerely
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