

**Submission
No 19**

**INQUIRY INTO OPPORTUNITIES TO CONSOLIDATE
TRIBUNALS IN NSW**

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ENQUIRY ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONSOLIDATION OF TRIBUNALS (SUPER TRIBUNAL)

Terms of Reference 2(c) – CTTT

Issues Paper – Section 4 – CTTT and Option 3 – re CTTT

Dear Members

I am a long-time resident of a for-profit Retirement Village in NSW and have had dealings on two occasions , in company with other residents, with our Village Operator in the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal.

While holding no strong views on the principle of consolidating various NSW Tribunals, I wish to offer the following comments:

1. The expertise of CTTT Members in the area of Retirement Villages (in all its forms) should not be lost to other areas.
2. The ease of contact by residents should not be reduced.
3. The relatively low level of legal representation permitted in CTTT Hearings should be maintained . Indeed, the legal representation of both parties should be limited to ensure a “level playing field”.
4. The decisions of CTTT Members should have wider impact (i.e. stronger legal standing as a precedent) beyond the specific case determined.

Yours faithfully

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