

**Submission  
No 182**

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

**Name:** Ms Esmé Drew

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My name is Esme Drew and I have lived on the Ivanhoe Estate for 15 years. I love living here because everyone looks after each other, especially when one of us is sick and then we all help each other.

I am 80 years old and I enjoy living near transport and my medical practitioner and I have to attend Royal North Shore and Concord Hospitals on a regular basis. I do not walk very well and I would find it very difficult for me if I had to change all of these medical practitioners to an area that I don't know very well.

I have my family very far away so I rely on my friend Peter to assist me with many various things including public transport, doctors' appointments and I help out at my Community Centre which is nearby and this keeps me busy and content. I have made a close knit group of friends on this Estate over the years and I would be very distressed if I had to move away from them. I worry about where they are going to be sent if the Government takes this place for demolition.

I would like to know why we have to move from our homes to make way for high rise buildings? They are speaking about the elderly being placed in high rise and I would like to know what happens if the lifts break down and you need assistance? On this part of the Estate where I live is for over 55's and some are very elderly and some cannot speak English and how would they get on if they were put into high rise buildings away their friends and Community?

There are no social problems here and we lead a very peaceful existence and we would like to remain here for the rest of our lives.

Thank you for accepting and reading my Submission.

Esme Drew

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