

From: [REDACTED]
To: Committee, SPLA (REPS);
Subject: Strata fee increase
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My name is Sarah Drewery.

I am writing in response to the article about the insurance rises of strata fees for owners within the Cairns area.

I own a townhouse in the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. I have owned the house for nearly four years now. Originally when I bought the townhouse my strata fees were \$554 per quarter, the fees then changed in 2011 and increased to \$894 per quarter and I received my first strata fee for 2012 and it has increased again to \$1100!

The fees are increasing high and fast and I'm worried that soon I'm not going to be able to afford the ongoing fees and may need to sell my townhouse, much to my disappointment as if the strata fees were not increasing it would be very easy, financially, to keep the house!

So instead of hoping that someone else complains about the increasing fees, I have taken it upon myself to complain as I don't understand why the insurance is increasing our fees, and I'm worried of the outcome of me as homeowner if the fees increase.

Thank you very much for your time,

Sarah Drewery