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The Secretary
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policies and Legal Affairs
Parliament House
Canberra
ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

On behalf of the five sets of owners (listed below) of the unit complex, [REDACTED], I wish to lodge a submission to the government inquiry into residential strata title insurance practices in North Queensland.

We were appalled by the 400% increase in our residential strata insurance premium by [REDACTED] for the 12 months period post Cyclone Yatsi.

There was no damage to our unit complex as a result of the cyclone in February 2011 and no claim was made against [REDACTED]. In fact, the body corporate of [REDACTED] has never had any damage as a result of cyclones or storms, and we have never made any claims against any insurance company for these reasons in the eight years the building has existed.

We are fearful that the insurance companies have the power to hold unit owners in North Queensland to ransom, and we appeal to the government to intervene on our behalf as this situation is totally unacceptable.

Yours faithfully

Barbara and Craig Lansbury
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On behalf of:

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Leslie and Noelene Hemmling
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Anna Magee
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Kevin Jackson
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