

Re:- Amendments to the Manufactured Homes Act

Dear member,

You will undoubtedly be aware that the Act amending the Manufactured Homes Act was passed by Parliament and received assent in November 2017. Unfortunately, from the perspective of home owners, Minister, Mick de Brenni MP, has seen fit to enact only one small section of the amending Act which relates to behavioural standards.

Although behavioural standards of park owners are important to all home owners the matters not yet proclaimed are equally, if not more, important. These sections relate to

- How and when site rents can be increased,
- Dispute resolution procedures,
- Cooling off period and
- Pre-contract disclosure documentation to be provided by park owners.

We have recently been advised by the Department of Housing and Public Works of their time table for the implementation of amendments which we find totally unsatisfactory.

We are advised that a first stage involving dispute resolution and site rents will not be proclaimed until October 2018 and the other sections not until June 2019.

That is some 19 months after passing of the legislation.

The Department claim that they need this time for consultation and for the preparation of new forms.

We have expressed our disappointment to them and to the Minister, to no avail.

Bearing in mind that Minister de Brenni touted this legislation as necessary to provide home owners with much needed protections and The Premier announcing that the amendments would be in place before the end of 2017 it would now seem that **this is all forgotten and we are once again left to the mercy of park owners at least until mid 2019.**

We assume that you, our home owner members, agree that this situation is unacceptable and if this is so **we ask that:-**

You write or email the Minister and your local state member of Parliament expressing your dissatisfaction and asking for his/her support to have this matter expedited.

The Minister's contact details are :-

The Hon. Mick de Brenni
Minister for Housing and Public Works
71 - 73 Springwood Rd.
Springwood Qld 4127

Or Email Springwood@parliament.qld.gov.au

For your convenience please see a pro-forma letter on page 2 which you can copy and send, but you should feel free to use your own words.

We look forward to receiving your support in our endeavours to achieve an acceptable outcome.

— Your ARPQ Committee —

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The Hon Mick de Brenni
Minister for Housing and Public Works
71-73 Springwood Rd.
Springwood Qld 4127

Dear Minister de Brenni

I am writing to you to express my concern at the delay in enacting the amendments to the Manufactured Homes Act which were passed by Parliament in November 2017. I see from the web site that a timetable has been set in 2 parts with the first not to be proclaimed till October 2018 and the balance not until June 2019.

I can not understand why it would take over 18 months to bring this important legislation on line particularly in view of your own promises of the need for these amendments to provide early protections for home owners like myself.

I respectfully request that you give urgent consideration to substantially reducing your Departments time frame as at the moment I feel that my interests have been forgotten.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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(your State Member &/or The Premier)