

**Submission Text:** My name is Heaven Waters. I have lived in [REDACTED] for three years. This is the best place that I have ever lived, and I have owned my own home before with 9 children.

I feel very connected to my community here. The things that I enjoy most about living in my apartment here are the natural light, the views from my windows and the proximity to the natural beauty of Melbourne (the bay and the river). The river speaks to me. As does the bay – they are my spiritual centre. I also enjoy living in the thick of city life; where I can walk out onto the street and serendipitously bump into friends. We are close to everything here: doctors, dentists, chemists, yoga studios, my work, the shops, the local libraries, laundry, playground, BBQs and public transport. I am allowed to keep my lovely cat, Hope, with me. I am also able to keep my electricity and gas bills low because of the design of my apartment and my own efforts. Living here I am also closer to my children.

As you can see, I have a wonderful life here at [REDACTED]. Almost anyone would. But the State government is willing to take this away from me. They are doing this without a real discussion or plan. I haven't been consulted. Where will I go, if and when my home is torn down? No one is talking to me about this. And what about all the other people in my community? Only people living in the flats care about the flats.

It seems like the government is saying that working/unemployed/disabled/young/old people are not allowed to have nice things. A nice place to live. Once a place reaches a certain "value", then the government decides that it has to unlock this value by kicking out the people living there and selling it off to folks with money.

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