

Evidence for the Victorian State Government

Parliamentary Enquiry Into Housing

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As told to:

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[REDACTED] is a refugee from Iraq who lives with her granddaughter and adult son in public housing. [REDACTED] has lived at her current address for four years and while she is grateful to have a home, considers it sub - standard. The house has now been earmarked for demolition, and [REDACTED] fears where she will be placed. [REDACTED] needs a house with three bedrooms. She is the carer for her six year old granddaughter , whose Iraqi father is currently in Iraq recovering from serious illness. He granddaughter's mother is indigenous and her whereabouts are unknown to the family. The young girl is a happy, bright child who is making very good progress at the local primary school.

[REDACTED] is concerned that when her son returns from Iraq, they may be forced to live in a two-bedroom house, which would be detrimental to her son's health, her grandadughter's well-being and the family dynamic; due to overcrowding.

In the meantime, [REDACTED] reports that the house she is living in is not well maintained and has mould, large wall cracks and grass growing through gaps in the cornice.