

Mr Ken Davies Chief Executive Office **Territory Families**

31st May 2022 Via e-mail: Ken.Davies@nt.gov.au

Dear Ken

RE- SENIOR X – RESIDENT X XXXXXX XXXXX, MILLNER

I write on behalf of Joan Angeles, who resides at X XXXXXX XXXXX, Millner, and has done so for over 32 years. Senior X came to see COTA NT to see if we could represent her with her current situation with Territory Housing. Senior X is 83 years old and is stressed at the moment as she has been told in no uncertain terms that "she is only a tenant and could be relocated at any time", as it is not her house. As we are all aware, the housing situation for seniors is at a crucial point with a shortage of stock and a long wait list for houses. However, to remove 83-year-old women from her home of 32 years would seem to be rather extreme.

Senior X has also visited Territory Housing and completed the forms regarding the Rental Rebate Reminder but here appears to be no record of these forms. When asked if she could speak with certain officers from the Department, no-one seemed to know of her circumstances. At present Senior X is paying market rent of \$450.00 for her house, as her son presently resides with her. She has been paying this "market rent" for quite a while.

I would also question the term "market rent", as the house has only been painted once in 32 years, with the present paint peeling rather badly in various rooms.

I would also say that Senior X has been an exemplary tenant and if possible, deserves some piece of mind that she will not be re-located

I look forward to receiving your reply addressing Senior X's concerns.

Sue Shearer, CEO – COTA NT

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