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OPEN LETTER TO THE HON AMANDA STOKER MP Member for Oodgeroo

RE: Urgent housing intervention required for your constituent, Bill Bailey.

Dear The Hon Amanda Stoker,

What happens if Bill Bailey dies on the street in your electorate?

Bill is a 63 year old disabled pensioner. He sleeps outside the Cleveland Library — a few hundred metres from your electorate office. If you haven't seen him there, you may have seen him outside the Cleveland Coles. The locals know Bill. They see him every day.

**Your office has had 16 months to act on Bill's behalf. Yet the disabled Bill - remains on your streets.**

What we did today:

- After speaking with a number of concerned local residents and government contacts — all disgusted by the lack of progress — I was asked today, to intervene directly with you.
- At 2:05pm today, I visited your electorate office with two witnesses. We met with your electorate officer, Andrew, and made a single, clear request:
  - Get Bill into accommodation within 48 hours; new social housing over 55's is available that Bill is eligible for, yet has not been offered to date.
  - Bill is medically deteriorating rapidly with four long hospital stays while sleeping rough.
- During that conversation, Andrew told us he had previously made phone calls about Bill.
  - He attributed the situation to failures of the previous government. We were not impressed by that response given a man is sleeping on the street now, under your watch.
- At 3:02pm, Andrew called me to advise he had made a phone call to a state government department. He indicated that was all he could do.

What we need you to understand:

- The Federal Government has allocated housing funding to the State. That makes this a state issue. You are Bill's state representative. This is your responsibility.
- Making a phone call and reporting back that nothing more can be done is not an acceptable response when a sick, elderly man has been long sleeping rough in your electorate – with your knowledge.
- Under the Queensland Human Rights Act 2019, every Queenslanders is entitled to the protection of their fundamental human rights. Your constituents are watching how you uphold that obligation. They see Bill every day, and they are asking a simple question:
  - Why hasn't their local MP done enough to protect this old suffering man? Are we next?

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What we are asking you to do:

1. Personally intervene to secure long term accommodation for Bill Bailey within 48 hours.
2. Raise Bill's case in the Queensland Parliament — if the system is failing him, say so publicly and on the record.
3. Provide a written response to our organisation within five days outlining what actions you have taken and what accommodation outcome has been achieved.
4. Do not play the blame game – it is offensive to constituents observing your actions to date.

What happens next:

1. We will be following up publicly on this matter. We have documented today's visit and will continue to document the response — or lack of response — from your office.
2. Bill is not a political talking point. He is a 63-year-old man with a disability, sleeping on a shopping trolley in one of the most liveable communities in South East Queensland. Every night that continues is a failure of the system you were elected to operate.
3. Nobody is stopping you from standing up in Parliament and fighting for Bill. The only question is whether you will. Hansard is a useful record for constituents.

We believe in transparency. Your office complains about the previous government and why there are so many homeless. We believe it is time locals know how often you say the word 'homeless' in parliament.

We await your urgent response.

Yours sincerely,



Tony Clark  
Founder & CEO  
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