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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Government departments conspire to deny reasonable rights!**

The Department of Human Services (the department) and the Office of the Public Advocate (the OPA) is denying the residents of department managed group homes throughout the state, the right to be properly represented when their home is inspected by OPA community visitors.

The residents of such group homes have limited intellectual capacity with which to make valued judgements in respect to their living conditions. And many have little or no communications ability to meaningfully communicate with community visitors.

Reasonable human rights for these residents is to be represented by their advocates to express views of the service level and quality with equal opportunity to that afforded service support staff.

Whereas, the department is claiming the residents of their group homes have adequate communications and ability to properly evaluate the service they are receiving. And, the OPA is refusing to allow or ensure their community visitors contact advocates following their visit to the homes.

Tony Tregale from Lifestyle in Supported Accommodation Inc. says this is a disgraceful situation where people with so little in their lives are further disadvantaged by the self-centred bureaucrats of these government agencies.

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*The objective of LISA Inc is to empower and support families with a member with an intellectual or multiple disability who is living in supported accommodation to better understand service provision procedures, care policies, standards and values, and thereby be better positioned to scrutinise service providers. And, to lobby service providers for consistent and meaningful provision of quality of life care.*