

Community Safeguards Coalition

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Stories of “Home”

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PURPOSE

- *To safeguard people with disability from legislation, policies and practices which deny or limit their fundamental rights*

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□ **forced co-tenancy**

□ **disability rights and the service system**

Forced co-tenancy is where:

- **A person is denied the fundamental right to choose where and with whom they live**
- **A vacancy in a group home is the only option**

Forced co-tenancy is where:

- **A person's basic care needs will not be met unless they 'agree' to another person with disability moving into their home so support can be shared**

Forced co-tenancy is where:

- **Funding programs (block funding) are delivered in ways that force individuals to live in group situations, making them ineligible to access individual funding to move out of the group situation**

**CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY
(CRPD)
Article 19(a)**

- *Persons with disabilities have the opportunity to choose their place of residence and where and with whom they live*