

STORAGE SORROWS

39 Maryvale Street Toowong

I'm renting a garage from the owner of Unit 7 in this apartment building. Late last week there was a fire in the recycling bin located in the basement carpark adjacent to the garage. Nothing inside the garage was damaged, but there is a layer of black soot covering the surface of the boxes stored inside. I have been advised by the owner that the body corporate wants all the garages emptied out so that a professional deep clean of the entire area can be done. I have nowhere to temporarily store the contents of the garage, but I'll have to find a solution very soon. Essentially, the contents will have to be taken out for a few days and then put back in. I suspect the owner will not assist with this nor will they give me any compensation for loss of use or expenses incurred in arranging temporary storage.

9 Broomfield St Taringa

One of the tenants in this apartment building offered to rent his garage to me. He was considering moving out because the rent was about to be increased beyond his affordability, although he was keen to stay because of the apartment's convenient location. Sub-leasing his garage to me provided him with the little extra he needed to afford the increased rent, and I got some much needed storage space for plastic bags. The tenant signed a new 2-year lease once this deal was completed, giving him much needed accommodation security. All was well until last week when another tenant, who is friendly with me, advised that he had received word from the body corporate about somebody "living in a garage". Of course, this is not true, but I was advised to keep a low profile for a while because perhaps my frequent presence on the property accessing my garage may have aroused suspicion on the part of another tenant. This third tenant is suspected of making a complaint to body corporate about my storing 5 bulk bags of plastic bottles against the back wall of the building. Nobody else cared about it and almost nobody goes around there. People like this just stir up trouble and are oblivious to the damage they cause to others. The real potential is that the sub-leasing of the garage will be discovered by the owner of that apartment and then both leases will be immediately terminated.