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For the Attention of the Housing Commission

Miss Samantha Raye, age 31 years, of [REDACTED] Macleay Street, Potts Point is under my specialist care on account of a severe depression with suicidal thoughts.

Her depression is largely reactive to her appalling living situation surrounded by excessive hostility, alcoholism and drug addiction. Miss Raye is a clean living non-addict who is partly in this situation because of an accident of nature.

She was born in 1958 in New Zealand as an hermaphrodite, which means indeterminate sex biologically, but she has made a female sexual identification and has in fact recently undergone a corrective operative procedure. To enable her to start a normal life as a woman it is essential that she removes herself from her old environment. She is also extremely sensitive and has become the butt of aggressive behaviour in the flats where she lives. Such antisocial behaviour includes urinating outside her front door, and throwing acid through the window. Because of her, until recently, ambivalent sexual situation, she will not be accepted by any refuge, male or female. Her case has been on the priority list with the H.C. for two years but her plight has become desperate and if she is not offered some accommodation in the very near future she is in more danger of committing suicide, or becoming the victim of violence.

I know the Housing Commission has many distressing cases on their books, but I appeal to them to give this case their very urgent priority.

Yours sincerely,

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