

## Community Support and Services Committee

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 30 June 2021 2:03 PM  
**To:** Clayfield Electorate Office  
**Cc:** Community Support and Services Committee; Minister for Communities and Housing  
**Subject:** To Community Support and Services Committee (CC my local MP): Submission on the Housing Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 and the Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation (Tenants' Rights) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Timothy Nicholls MP,

Dear the Community Support and Services Committee, cc my local MP -

I'd like to comment on both the Housing Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 and the Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation (Tenants' Rights) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to share something with you: a snapshot of what it's like to rent in Queensland.

I am an adult student on Austudy, meaning I can earn an extra \$490 a fortnight over the \$512 allotted. I am proud that Australia still has socialist policy to support education for all members of society. When looking for somewhere to live, the dormitories provided by USQ charge more than Austudy. At what point does the Liberal or Labour parties value social education? Are Australian politicians so distanced from the country they purport to govern with MP salaries at almost \$9000 a fortnight they don't actually care any longer? Is Australia determined to force students with meagre needs to live in country towns in hovels? I would love the Liberal party to take a stand on the future of Australia by enabling all Australians to access both education and reasonable accommodation: there are countries where education comes at a price and where rents are not regulated. No body wants to live there, not even rich people, as it is too dangerous.

In its current form, the Housing Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 will do little to improve my situation as one of the 1.8 million renters in Queensland. While this bill may be palatable to the real estate lobby, it completely disregards my experience as a renter.

While I'm pleased that the Housing Legislation Amendment Bill includes positive provisions for renters experiencing domestic and family violence, it contains little other reforms of substance for renters.

