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Subject: Please help Jon Krause I do not agree with Anastasia Palascuk beliefs. Submission on the Housing Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 and the Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation (Tenants' Rights) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Jon Krause MP,

Dear Committee

Please find my submission the Housing Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 (The Bill).

The Bill fails to meet its key stated objectives. In particular it fails to ensure that vulnerable community members are supported to sustain tenancies. It also fails to remove the ability of lessors to end tenancies without grounds.

I want to see the following changes in the Bill.

NO UNFAIR EVICTIONS. The grounds to end a tenancy, for 'end of a fixed term', must be removed as a matter of priority before the legislation is passed. As it is, the Bill will increase the reasons why renters can be evicted at no fault.

ALLOW MINOR MODIFICATIONS. Being able to personalise and make safe my home is an important reform which should be included. The Bill must allow renters to undertake minor health, safety, accessibility and security modifications without prior approval, and minor amenity and personalisation changes with a short notification.

MAKE IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE. I support the government's proposals around domestic and family violence but they must also include the ability to install security measures without prior consent. This is a vital safety protection for people experiencing DFV.

LET RENTERS CHOOSE TO KEEP PETS. The Bill will go some way to support pets but they will still see renters with pets vetted out at application time, and allow conditions where the average dog or cat must live outside. The Bill must be changed to start with an assumption that renters can keep pets if they choose; require the lessor to seek orders to restrict pets if there is a dispute, and declare any previous pet conditions upfront.

We need real change for renters that brings stability and the ability to make a place our home.

Hello my name is [REDACTED] I'am currently renting with my mum at [REDACTED] and have recieved a form 12 eviction notice with no grounds, I'am mentally unwell my mum is a carer for me and I see a great doctor in beaudesert, he helps me with my monthly medication and so on, Mum is my carer as I have Dysphagia and ADHD/Autism/Anxiety. We have nowhere to go, we can't afford to move anywhere due to the high rent prices and we are facing homelessness at the end of march we tried to plea with the real estate [REDACTED] Brisbane Queensland this is really not fair as we spent all our savings on a storage shed so we can put our furnisher somewhere whilst Mum and I will be sleeping in the car please this is a urgent and I'm really scared, we have been renting here for 15months waiting for a Social Housing to become available but we haven't been offered any help or crisis accomodation nor a house which we have been on the High needs list for so cial housing for 6 years now. Mum has physical incapacities as well such as a lumbar fracture and she is on a CPAP machine for her oxygen, we are facing homelessness and have nowhere to go but to put our furnisher in the storage shed and sleep

in the car, our family lives 900kms south on Queensland (Central Coast NSW) if you could assist us that would be a miracle. Thank you

I am a voter in your electorate and a member of this local community. I'm contacting you today about an issue that is very important to me – abolishing 'no grounds' evictions and protecting Queensland renters from the constant threat of eviction. This is about housing stability and about reducing the risk of homelessness.

Over 1.8 million people in our state live in a rental home. This home is their foundation to hold down a job, raise their family, get an education, contribute to their local community and do all the other things we look forward to in life. However, Queensland's current rental laws mean that renters can never quite relax or feel as stable as they need to be.

Removing arbitrary evictions is the most important change we need to see in Queensland's new rental laws. This change alone would provide greater stability to renters and also create an environment where people are responsible for their record as tenants. Do the wrong thing and there will still be a process for dealing with that. Property owners will still have many legitimate reasons why they can ask tenants to leave – but they will have to have a reason.

'No grounds' evictions are also used to retaliate against renters who ask for safety repairs. They are used against renters who lawfully exercise their rights as tenants. They are also used to discriminate against people because of their age, skin colour, mental health, disability, faith or the language they speak at home. They are used to get rid of people who might be doing it tough. There is no good reason to maintain this aspect of our rental laws and any fair review of tenancy laws will remove it.

I also support the introduction of minimum safety and health standards for rental properties, strong protections for renters who experience family violence and greater ability for renters to make reasonable modifications to their homes, including those needed for disability, age, safety and basic comfort.

I am supporting this call for change by the Make Renting Fair in Queensland Alliance and thousands of local community members and organisations. As my local member of parliament, I would like to know your position on this important issue.

I hope you will support these changes in the community and parliament to pass strong legislation that abolishes 'no grounds' evictions in our state.

Yours sincerely,

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