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I understand that there is legislation before Parliament which would remove the option for rental property owners to refuse to allow pets, unless they have 'reasonable grounds' for doing so.

I own an investment property and I have allowed some tenants to have a pet, namely a dog. This has resulted in gardens being dug up, grass destroyed, dog food attracting ants and other pests, and dog poo all over the place which I had to clean up myself after the tenants left.

I now will not allow any tenants to have pets.

I am concerned that the proposed legislation will force me to allow tenants to have pets. Even if I make it a condition that pets must be kept outside (which creates its own problems) and clean up the mess created by the pets, there is no guarantee that tenants will comply with these conditions.

Having a bond does not guarantee that I can, for example, get the carpets cleaned and take it out of the bond, because sometimes there is rent owing, and property repairs that come out of the bond and nothing is left over for pet-related expenses. Going to QCAT for recovery of costs (which I have done twice) is a costly and lengthy experience for property owners like myself.

I think that property owners should be allowed to stipulate 'no pets' when advertising properties for rent, without having to defend that condition of rental. In my case, past experience should be sufficient grounds.

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