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**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 July 2021 8:19 PM  
**To:** Mark Furner  
**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 Mark Furner 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'm actually emailing you as a landlord. We are a family on one income, and I urge you to consider landlords as well and tenants in this reform..while I agree with some of the reforms, I also think there needs to remain protection for landlords. If you make it so hard for landlords, no one will want to invest...and then the renters will really have something to complain about - having no house to live in.

We had a property in which damages exceeded the bond held, and when we tried to follow this through small claims, she agreeded to a payment plan, but then never paid and moved on, and so we were left with over 2,000 of damages that we had to pay for. I just think, we need to look after both parties.

It's crucial that rental reforms in Queensland include:

- Expanding minimum standards to include ventilation, cleanliness and insulation
- Ensuring prospective tenants have fair and honest information about the property
- Banning inappropriate or discriminatory questions by lessors

Yours sincerely,

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