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Subject: Submission on the Housing Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 and the Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation (Tenants' Rights) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021

Dear Glenn Butcher MP,

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

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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.

Glen i had a 5year tendency which ended with two months notice with no grounds. I had recently erected a 500 security screen door for insects, and a 20m long retaining wall built to the standard of the real estate and home owner. This was to level 3m x 20m of land to make mowing my lawn easier with a newly purchased pull along mower. I had broken my back the first time in 2017 away from work. I am on disability assistance still present day. I rebroke my back while real estate pushed for the retaining wall to be completed to their new plan at my expense. A house inspection followed two months later and everyone was happy with the new grass and woodchipped gardens. I was contacted a month later by real estate to say I had to vacate with no grounds. On disability I am subject to afford 200 - 240 per week depending if financial feasibility is either 30 or 40%. I was already paying 260 without a problem and wasn't behind at all. I had fought to stay there to no avail. When enquir

ed what was to become of the house i was instructed and thought overseas investor was coming back or selling. Not to be. I handed back the keys and a week later the place was readvertised to rent for 105 dollar increase at 365\$ per week. I was prepared to pay up to 325 in order to keep my possessions and roof over my head. I was harassed by the real estate, even breaching my privacy when inspections were carried out without knowledge. I ended up homeless and back and forth from a tent at my parents and a friends place that was the neighbour of my old residence. I have found it very difficult to find somewhere for myself and rescue dog to live. Im 42 now and have been a local all my life, support family and friends interests and connections are here. Please give good tenants like myself some control of our lives. Yote accordingly

Yours sincerely,

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