

Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation (Rent Freeze) Amendment Bill 2022

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I moved in to my current residence in East Brisbane in 2018. I have been on 6 months leases since this time. The rent remained at a steady rate for 3 years. Since 2021 however, the rent has been increased 4 times in my last 4 lease renewals. This amounts to an increase of nearly 30% (\$220-\$280) in 18 months. I live alone and currently earn around \$500-\$550 a week. My rent amounts to well over 50% of my take home income and with the increase in cost of living (groceries, fuel etc) these constant rent increases are becoming extremely hard to deal with. I have looked in to public housing and housing through NRAS but there is nothing available at this time. Further rent increases would leave me in a very tough situation and very much at risk of homelessness,A rent freeze would provide a very welcome level of security and peace of mind. It would be a lifesaver.