

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

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**Submitter Comments:**

I would ask the parliament to re-assess this proposal, as, despite the good intentions behind the legislation, the unintended consequences could in fact exacerbate the current homelessness and housing crisis. By capping rent increases, at the same time that interest rates and inflation are rising, this bill would highly likely result in more properties being removed from the rental market and being sold. The homelessness and housing affordability crisis is primarily impacting low-income earners who are highly unlikely to be able to enter the property market. As such, this bill risks adding further pressure to the very crisis it is designed to address.