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To: [Community Support and Services Committee](#)
Subject: Submission to the Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation (Tenants' Rights) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021
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Dear CSSC,

I wish to make a submission on the proposed changes to the right of a tenant to keep a pet. I fully support the right for pets to be allowed to live with their owners, but would like to propose that "this be within reasonable grounds". Meaning if it is a small property then a big dog would be too big to live there. Also, if the breed of the dog is an "active type" then even if the property is large enough but lacks a front or back yard this would not be an appropriate property for this dog. And vice versa for other dog sizes and breeds when considering a rental property.

Below is an extract from the The Animal Welfare Act

"The Animal Welfare Act **requires** that pets must have enough **space** to move around, lie down, sit, and stand comfortably".

Furthermore without adequate space a dog will not have the opportunities to let out their pent up energy which can then lead to behavioural problems such as digging, chewing, aggression and excessive barking.

My submission is concerning the welfare of pets and having them find a home that also meets their needs together with the needs of the tenant.

Yours Respectfully
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