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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 and side note comment from L Leis

Dear Jennifer Howard MP,

Dear Committee

As a side note to the below, I also want to see liveability changes. I currently rent a home that the landlord and real estate do not make repairs on despite requests, RTA involvement and a pending QCAT hearing. We are genuinely unsure if the house is safe as many stumps aren't touching the base of the house. There is mould growing all through the home that we try to clean but comes straight back. We also can't use our backyard because the fence is in disrepair and there is a dog next door that comes through and attacks my dogs and has bitten my mother. I was even told by the real estate today that the standard of living of the house does not need to meet Australian standards. I know these issues are out of your hands for now but if changes to the standard of living for rental properties were looked at, maybe people like me would at least feel safe in their home. Instead we are met with potential threats of evictions (not me personally) or just plain scared to be evicted if w

e do ask for things within our rights.

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

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.

I thank you for your time as I know you get many of these emails but I do hope we see some changes for the better.

Yours sincerely,

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