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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 Bruce Saunders MP,

Dear Committee

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.

We need real change for renters that brings stability and the ability to make a place our home.

**PERSONAL FOOTNOTE** In spite of my best, on-going efforts, my Real Estate Agents cannot/will not to do anything about the poor state of my unit AND the serious lack of temperature control---I am unable to afford to run a heater/cooler, to contend with the lack of ANY insulation.

After suffering recent, serious R E fraud, leaving me destitute, I am now forced to rest on the mercy of State Housing to provide alternative shelter in Gayndah(?), asap.

Leaving me with no supplementary income, from local tutoring (fully recognised by Centrelink), for a few hours per week, in Term time.

Finally, to 'add insult to injury', I am constantly humiliated and demeaned by my R E lady taking intrusive images of EVERY PART of my accommodation, when the RTA inform me that there is NO current legislation, to warrant such behaviour. Surely a 'hard copy' check list would be sufficient, for each three-monthly inspection.

For health reasons, I MUST relocate within a month---I am too old to stay so cold, night after night. Our little community lost another, older man, a short time ago---the poor Police had to break in, a week after he died!

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns, and best wishes for a compassionate, productive inquiry. As long as I can assist, I want to continue to be an excellent, 'Grandpa-Listener'---two recent, local suicides of Grade 7 Students surely indicate the dire need for 'olds' to give time, to anxious kids and youth---both outside AND inside school premises. Based on 60+ years of dedicated teaching, in three States.

With kind regards,

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