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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 Shane Knuth 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 which is an extremely dangerous and inhumane ruling to even consider. This impacts not only on the tenant to have shelter but to find another rental would further be prohibitive with the added eviction with no reason to his references which are expected to be supplied in order to acquire new accommodation through an agent or privately. It would encourage lessors to remove existing tenants when the prices of rentals jump and hits the area. This is a particularly disturbing part of the Bill to all tenants.

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 to the lessor.

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. From the lessors point of view it would be a

decent thing to be told of the extent of the measures to be undertaken if it will have a damaging impact on his property. Respect for tenants' safety and respect for the lessor.

We need real change for renters that brings stability and the ability to make a place our home, because that's what it is - our home. To have a a fixed term lease would be absolutely worthless if the eviction without a reason is implemented and would destroy any security of accommodation.

Yours sincerely,

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