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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 Michael Berkman 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. Renters should be allowed to have a place that feels like home, not a place where they don't feel as they belong and never will.

**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 (which is discrimination through and through), 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. Considering the majority of the growing generation are renters, why should we be made to feel like we are lesser for doing so when it is our only option? Why can landlords consistently disregard their obligations, leaving people homeless or in unsafe homes, and have no repercussions enforced?

Yours sincerely,

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