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Dear Committee Chairperson

I am 82 and so far my wife and I have managed to survive as self funded retirees relying on what's left of my Superannuation, but most importantly on rental income from a modest rented property handled by a real estate agent. Over the years we, like many other landlords have had to deal with a range of lessees, from excellent to appalling.

In difficult times we have always been comforted by the fact that when lease agreements expire under law we can regroup and start again, hopefully with no hassles. We have also learnt that some real estate agents are suboptimal re inspections etc, and the difficulty in prematurely terminating a lease due to serious damage to the property, through existing legal avenues is beyond our financial means.

Therefore we would respectfully submit that the Bill preserves the legal status of rental agreements, just like all other legal agreements that have starting and ending dates, to likewise have ending dates. To take away the right of the owner to deal with their own property in favour of strangers who have no claim on the assets of the owner is preposterous, smacking of excesses of totalitarian regimes.

PL and ME Ellis

Sent from my iPad