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Hello,

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I would like to make a submission regarding the Housing Legislation Amendment Bill.

I am growing increasingly concerned over the loss of rights to my own property. I am 60 years old, worked all of my adult life, saved and bought property to rent as way of paying for my own retirement. I have had tenants who are wonderful people and we have both prospered off a mutually beneficial relationship. At the start of Covid I offered my tenants a significant rental discount to help them out, well before ANY government assistance program were announced.

But I have also had tenants who has abused the situation, left my property in ruins, forced me to spend money I didn't have to pursue legal action. My property is my resource. I saved, I bought it with my hard earned money, and it should be right to do with it what I want.

I need to maintain the right to decide who lives in my property and who does not. I will always honour any contract I sign, but I will NEVER sign a contract that can only end at the whim of the other party. The very notion that only party can decide when to leave a contract seems in breach of the intent of any fair trade policy. It seems to be an abuse of power, over the very people whose saving are providing them a place to live.

I would ask the the legislators remember that not all tenants are reasonable, that owners rights are not something special, but the normal rights of owning any asset.

If I hop into a taxi, I do not have the right to ask the driver to modify the car. nor do I have the right to refuse to leave the taxi when I get to my agreed destination. And if I don't pay the driver, I do not have the right to remain in the car, and continue driving, until a long expensive court proceeding is heard.

Warm regards

*Chris Dorian*