



To the Committee Secretary,

I am writing to show support for the Housing Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 and update to Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation (Tenants' Rights) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021.

We have worked with many clients at our service over the last 18 months who have been victims of sexual violence or are adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse who have been asked to leave their residential tenancy and have been placed in a very vulnerable situation because of this.

To recover from trauma, a safe and secure place to live is crucial and the changes suggested in the proposed amendments and updates will enable people a greater sense of safety, which will support them to regain a life that is connected to the community and optimises their health and wellbeing.

As a fair and democratic society, ensuring rental security for those who are unable to buy is crucial and Cairns Sexual Assault Service applauds and endorses these proposed changes,

Thanks very much,

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