

Consideration should be given to factors such as age, location and the market for the property.

Minimum housing standards should not extend beyond basic health and safety matters and should include some flexibility to account for the wide variety of rental dwellings.

In view of the above, I would support Option 1 (Status Quo) and at the same time, start a more balanced conversation between tenants and property owners.

Consequences of proposals

The proposed changes will substantially increase the costs of owning and operating a rental property. In addition, the loss of control of my expensive asset will be onerous and unviable.

The outcome of these changes proceeding will include more rigour around tenant selection and increased rental as there will be little option than to pass some of costs on to tenants.

I hope these points will be given due consideration, as the direct and indirect consequences will impact the property and rental property markets.

I urge your government to reconsider these reforms, in favour of laws that offer safety, security and a fair balance for all stakeholders.

Kind regards,

A Concerned Queensland Property Investor.