

Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Amendment Bill 2024

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I favour limiting site rent increases to CPI or 3.5 per cent. The rent in our village has escalated enormously in the past few years, making living here difficult for single pensioners. When a partner dies, the remaining person has to find alternative living arrangements, as the percentage taken in rent, even with rent assistance, does not allow them to buy food and petrol and pay essential bills. We now pay \$487.20 per fortnight. Over-50s villages are generally populated by over-65s on the age pension. I favour banning market rent reviews to justify rental hikes. Market values have gone up so much in the past few years, and our pension rises don't even cover our rent increases. I favour strengthening registration requirements, giving current and future homeowners greater transparency, stronger rights for consumers on termination of site agreements, and an opt-in buyback scheme to make selling manufactured homes fairer. It is so unfair that the families of a deceased person have to pay site fees for as long as it takes to sell a home, while no one benefits from any of the services provided.