

## LAND VALUATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023

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### Submitter Comments:

These changes are widespread and contrary to what the Minister has stated to Parliament where he said on page 28 of the PDF "Let me be clear for the benefit of the House: these changes will have no material impact on rates and property taxes." These changes WILL result in higher Land Tax and Rates for owners, while at the same time diminishing their rights to effectively challenge the land valuations either through objections or appeals in the Land Court. The last time government did this was in 2009 and that Act lasted less than a year. This Bill is worse, and we don't even have access to the proposed statutory guidelines which this Bill is predicated on. Courts should have regard to relevant legislation, not guidelines that the Valuer General can change at will, which usually happens when they lose in Court on a point of Law. The government tries to say that the world has changed, but valuation practices and property types have not, the ones this Bill targets have not changed in decades. You are trying to overturn court precedents. You have removed agreements for lease which was one of the significant changes in 2010 as a result of a number of shopping centre cases that ended up in the Court of Appeal. This removal can result in an increase in value between 10-30% and is in direct contradiction to the second reading speech when the current Act was introduced to Parliament in 2010.