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RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND ROOMING ACCOMMODATION AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL; MANUFACTURED HOMES (RESIDENTIAL PARKS) AMENDMENT BILL

 **Mr RUSSO** (Toohey—ALP) (12.02 pm): I rise to speak to the cognate bills that are being debated: the Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 and the Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Amendment Bill 2024. The Housing, Big Build and Manufacturing Committee, in its reports No. 6 and No. 7 of the 57th Parliament, tabled in this assembly on 10 May, recommended that both the Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 and the Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Amendment Bill 2024 be passed.

I will speak to the investigation that was done by the committee into the Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Amendment Bill, but before I do I want to raise a few points in relation to the Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. We know that the best way to stabilise rents is to increase supply. Stage 2 of the residential tenancies bill is the Miles government's commitment to rental law reforms. This legislation will help to strengthen the rights of renters, stabilise the private rental market and ease the cost-of-living pressures that are being experienced by renters in Queensland.

The legislation will also deliver some of the most demanding reforms under the national cabinet's A Better Deal for Renters agreement. The Miles government is providing extra relief for renters who are doing it tough with a \$160 million rent relief package delivered through our Homes for Queenslanders plan. This direct cost-of-living support sits alongside the additional protections we are providing through this piece of legislation.

The Labor government will never turn its back on renters, but we know the LNP government will not hold the same line. When they were in power, they tore up the code of conduct for the rental sector. We are bringing it back. They also cut funding to vital tenant advice and advocacy services and rejected \$2.5 million in emergency funding from the Commonwealth to keep tenancy support available. We know those opposite think that these reforms, which strengthen the rights of renters, stabilise the rental market and ease cost-of-living pressures are radical and silly.

I now turn to the Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Amendment Bill 2024. The residential parks bill will make residential parks fair and transparent. The legislative framework for residential parks is complementary and meets the community's expectations. The residential park business model is sustainable for home owners and park owners. Approximately one-third of the state's households rent their home with some of the state's most vulnerable Queenslanders relying on the private rental market for sustainable and long-term housing that meets their needs and from which they can build and maintain their connection with family, community services, education and employment opportunities. I commend the bills to the House.