

Question on Notice
No. 1478
Asked on Tuesday, 30 October 2018

MR D PEGG ASKED MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS; MINISTER FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON M DE BRENNI)

Will the Minister provide an update on the Palaszczuk Government's consultation into the future of renting in Queensland?

ANSWER

On 30 September 2018, the Honourable Jackie Trad MP, Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and I launched the *Open Doors to Renting Reform* community engagement and consultation program.

The *Open Doors to Renting Reform* consultation program is an exemplar of responsive government and has been enthusiastically embraced by the Queensland community.

As of 15 November 2018, more than 50,000 responses have been received.

Community feedback has identified the following as potential areas for reform: more balanced rights and obligations; improved communication between property agents, tenants and property owners; and better protections and dispute resolution options.

The *Open Doors to Renting Reform* consultation program is being conducted by the Department of Housing and Public Works in conjunction with the Residential Tenancies Authority and is scheduled to close on 30 November 2018.

This state-wide consultation program is using innovative mechanisms to engage renters, property owners, agents and the broader community to hear about their renting experiences and ideas on how to improve renting in Queensland.

Consultation feedback will inform development of reforms to ensure Queensland rental laws are fair, contemporary and consider the security and wellbeing of all, now and into the future.

I encourage all Members of Parliament and their constituents to participate in this historic reform.

More information about the consultation can be found at www.qld.gov.au/rentinginql, including dates and locations for consultation events, discussion forums, online polls, the survey and information about making a submission.