

## Question on Notice

No. 73

Asked on Wednesday, 24 February 2021

**MR T MANDER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL ECONOMY AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to foreshadowed changes to Queensland's rental laws—

Will the Minister advise of the likely impact on tenants and property owners, as well as the proposed timeframe for the changes?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government remains committed to rental law reform that provides better protections for tenants and property owners and improves stability in the rental market.

Over 150 000 responses were received through extensive consultation processes in 2018 and 2019 that demonstrated there is broad community support for rental law reform, however, there are strongly held and diverse views about what change is needed.

In late 2019, the government released *A Better Renting Future* Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement to seek feedback on proposed Stage 1 reforms. The Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement outlined policy options and considered the impacts and benefits for a range of stakeholders, including tenants and property owners. The Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement can be accessed at [www.qld.gov.au/rentinginqld](http://www.qld.gov.au/rentinginqld).

In 2020, the Palaszczuk Queensland Government prioritised responding to the health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic by establishing a set of temporary COVID-19 regulatory measures to support the residential rental sector manage the impacts on their tenancy arrangements.

We will progress rental law reform in this term of government informed by learnings from implementing the COVID-19 pandemic response measures and further consultation with key stakeholders.