

TENANTS' UNION OF TASMANIA QUESTIONNAIRE

Do you commit to building more public housing properties during the next term of Government? If so, how many?	Yes, absolutely. We need a minimum of 10,000 over the next decade just to keep up with current demand (let alone accounting for population growth); and I believe this needs to be a front-heavy response with 4000 in the next 18 months. Too many Tasmanians are in insecure, unsuitable and unaffordable housing, and too many are sleeping rough.
Will you commit to repealing no reason end of lease evictions?	Yes!
Will you introduce rent control measures?	YES!!!! Rent should never be raised beyond CPI. I don't care what the market says. Houses are homes, not investments for the rich to continue exploiting and excluding the poor.
Will you provide stronger protections to victims of family violence?	Absolutely. I will take advice from the sector on how best to implement this, to provide better protections for survivors.
Will you support amendments to the Act to allow for standard residential lease agreements and standard forms including a standard application form?	Yes.
Do you support amending the Act to allow pets in rentals unless there is a good reason for their exclusion?	YES!!!!!! This should have happened yesterday. I've lost count of how many folks I know who've been excluded from housing because of their pets. It's happened to me, too (over a rabbit, for goodness' sake).
Will you support stronger regulation of the short-term accommodation sector in Tasmania, returning investment properties to the long-term private rental market?	YES!!!!!! I'm working on something with Council to better control SSA in Hobart LGA, but this will require sign-off from the state government as it goes against their planning directive. We absolutely need to cap SSA, amend the Act to contain definitions of "permanent place of residence", and a yearly registration fee to fund compliance checks.
Do you support increased funding for services providing tenancy advocacy?	Yes. I don't know where tenants would be without the support of advocacy services, and I'm aware of how underfunded and under-resourced these are. Thank you for your work in the sector and the care and service you provide for our community.