

## TENANTS' UNION OF TASMANIA QUESTIONNAIRE

Do you commit to building more public housing properties during the next term of Government? If so, how many?	I fully support building more public, social and private housing during the next term. In particular I believe we need to diversify the housing stock that we currently have to better suit our demographic needs. I would like to particular focus the increase in housing along the rail corridor and support the Hobart Light Rail because of the opportunity to unlock 4,600 just in the corridor.
Will you commit to repealing no reason end of lease evictions?	I will.
Will you introduce rent control measures?	Housing is a basic human right and we have clearly seen significant failure in the existing legislation to control unreasonable and unjustifiable increases in rent, particularly at the end of a lease term. I would support measures to improve control.
Will you provide stronger protections to victims of family violence?	Yes and I would welcome the opportunity to engage with stakeholders to draft provision that provide meaningful protections.
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.
Will you support stronger regulation of the short-term accommodation sector in Tasmania, returning investment properties to the long-term private rental market?	Yes,

Do you support increased funding for services providing tenancy advocacy?

Yes. As a former Manager of the Tenants' Union over 15 years ago I understood the importance of tenancy advocacy. Since that time, the demand has increased significantly and more and more Tasmanians are experiencing housing distress and disadvantage.