

Dear Ben,

We appreciate the opportunity to provide the Tasmanian Greens' response to the Tenants Union Tas election priorities questionnaire.

I am responding on the Greens' behalf.

As you know, we have worked closely with the Tenants Union and other key housing and homelessness stakeholders to deliver fairer rents, stronger tenancy protections and more secure, affordable homes. We have greatly appreciated your advice and guidance over the journey.

In Parliament we have worked hard to achieve these outcomes. During the height of Covid in 2021-22, we successfully lobbied to ensure rents weren't increased and tenants could not be evicted. We have moved to rein in unaffordable, unjustifiable rents, and the unchecked growth of short stay accommodation. We sought Parliament's support to strengthen the *Residential Tenancy Act 1997* and improve tenancy protections, with expressed support for some measures but limited results to date.

In the next term of Parliament, we will - of course - persist on behalf of every Tasmanian who has the right to a secure, affordable home.

In response to the Tenants Union's specific asks, I can confirm to each of the nine priority objectives to deliver reform. The only area where we don't have a specific policy is in the proposed amendments to the Act to allow minor modifications to be made, but we can certainly commit to supporting and moving for this change.

During this election campaign, we have announced a Housing First response and a costed plan to deliver 1000 new, affordable homes each year.

The link to our Housing policy below provides more detail. We look forward to working with you in the next Parliament to drive much needed reform with the urgency the current situation demands.

Please get back in touch should you require any further clarification.

Kind regards,

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