

TENANTS' UNION OF TASMANIA ELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Do you commit to building more public housing properties during the next term of Government? If so, how many?	Absolutely ! Until we are elected in, we won't know what funding is available so we can't quantify how many. We are committed to reconstituting the Housing Commission in order to build more low cost housing. This will provide employment to many potential apprentices.
Will you commit to repealing no reason end of lease evictions?	No. As long as there is a fair notification period for the tenant to have time to look for other accommodation.
Will you introduce rent control measures?	No because the landlord should not have to shoulder the burden of additional costs. Many Mum and Dad landlords need the income from their investments to support themselves in retirement.
Will you support amendments to the Act to allow for standard residential lease agreements and a standard application form?	I don't have enough information but that seems reasonable on the face of it. Once again, the landlord should be able to make amendments in special circumstances.
Do you support amending the Act to allow pets in rentals unless there is a good reason for their exclusion?	This should be at the discretion of the landlord.
Will you strengthen minimum standards and energy efficiency standards?	This would present an unfair burden on the landlord. Much of the housing stock was built prior to the introduction of the energy and insulation standards.
Do you support amending the Act to allow minor modifications to be made?	Don't know what minor modifications means but I would have thought that could be negotiated between the tenant and the landlord
Will you support stronger regulation of the short-term accommodation sector in Tasmania?	No. Any landlord should have the right and expectation that they could maximize the return on their investment
Will you support a funding increase	Don't know what the service delivery means. We are all for increasing the housing stock if

of \$95,000 so that we can improve service delivery in Tasmania's North-West?

that is what you mean. Putting restrictions and hurdles in front of landlords will only serve to lessen housing stock available to rent. I know people who have just taken their houses off the market after bad experiences renting them out. This helps nobody.