

TENANTS' UNION OF TASMANIA ELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE

<p>Do you commit to building more public housing properties during the next term of Government? If so, how many?</p>	<p>Yes, for example, in this election I have proposed a significant housing initiative to tackle Tasmania's affordable housing crisis. I want the next Tasmanian Government to provide \$100 million in loan funding, interest-free for three years, to support social and affordable housing providers to build up to 400 new homes per year (in addition to the other Federal activities offered). Tasmania's housing waitlist is out of control, with 4500 applicants still waiting for a home. The list has grown by almost 1000 over the term of the last parliament and the wait time has blown out to an average of more than 77 weeks. It is unacceptable and resolving the situation must be a priority.</p>
<p>Will you commit to repealing no reason end of lease evictions?</p>	<p>I'll consider this based on the legislative proposition to understand the full ramifications on both sides of the argument.</p>
<p>Will you introduce rent control measures?</p>	<p>I would be happy to consider based on the detail presented to parliament.</p>
<p>Will you support amendments to the Act to allow for standard residential lease agreements and a standard application form?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Do you support amending the Act to allow pets in rentals unless there is a good reason for their exclusion?</p>	<p>If we increase supply, then we increase the number of properties that will allow pets. I'll consider any legislation that comes before the House.</p>
<p>Will you strengthen minimum standards and energy efficiency standards?</p>	<p>I'm already on record supporting these standards. In my last term in parliament, I managed to get heat pumps into social housing and to improve minimum housing standards in some properties. I am a fearless advocate for improving rental and affordable housing accommodation.</p>
<p>Do you support amending the Act to allow minor modifications to be made?</p>	<p>I would like more information on what this may involve in proposed legislation in but I'm happy to consider this proposal.</p>

Will you support stronger regulation of the short-term accommodation sector in Tasmania?	I am happy to consider any evidence-based appropriate measure that increases the availability of rented accommodation for Tasmanians. Yes.
Will you support a funding increase of \$95,000 so that we can improve service delivery in Tasmania's North-West?	Yes.