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Dear Mr Bartyl,

Thank you for your detailed and deeply considered letter. I share your concerns, and I'm grateful for your advocacy on behalf of the 58,000 renting households across our state.

Before addressing the specific issues you've raised, I want to acknowledge the important role the Tenants' Union of Tasmania, and you personally, play in relation to renter's rights in Tasmania. Throughout this campaign, whenever we've listened to renters in the electorate of Franklin, your organisation has consistently been mentioned as a trusted voice — one that brings both expertise and compassion to this crisis. Thank you for that work.

As we consider the coming years in Tasmania, I believe we must focus on four key pillars: Budget Repair, Social Repair, Island Repair, and Integrity Repair. It is through this framework that I believe we can build a fairer, more functional Tasmania. Housing reform sits squarely within that vision.

Under Social Repair, my focus is on delivering the essentials — health care, education, transport, and housing — because without a safe, secure place to call home, all other areas of wellbeing suffer. I view housing as a right, not a commodity. The rising cost of rent, the insecurity of tenancy, and the deterioration of housing standards are unacceptable in a state as resource-rich and close-knit as ours.

Your letter rightly reminds me of Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which affirms the right to housing as foundational to dignity and wellbeing. That belief is central to my position: we must build systems that support people first.

I am supportive of reforms that strengthen renters' rights, enforce basic housing standards, and bring Tasmania in line with the best practice already operating in other jurisdictions. These issues also intersect with Integrity Repair — we must end the secrecy and complacency that too often let poor policy and powerful interests shape the housing market without scrutiny.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your colleagues for a full briefing. Your insight into the legal, social, and economic implications of these reforms will be invaluable as I continue to develop policy positions grounded in fairness, evidence, and the lived experience of Tasmanians.

Thank you again,

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