

6 December 2023

Hon Andrea Michaels MP  
Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs  
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**Re: Open Letter: Passage of the Residential Tenancies (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act.**

Dear Minister,

We commend the state government on the passing of the *Residential Tenancies (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act*.

The Act introduces vital reforms that will better support renters including:

- An end to no cause evictions
- Making it easier to own a pet
- Increasing the notice period for a non-renewal of a fixed term lease
- Greater support for victims of domestic and family violence
- Improving water billing transparency
- A tenants advocacy service (individual and systemic level advocacy).

We recognise the significance of this review into the *Residential Tenancies Act 1995*, as there has been no formal review of the Act in nearly a decade.

With more people renting for life, it is essential that renting laws are suitable for long term housing tenure.

These new amendments are a crucial step forward for improving renting for the nearly one third of South Australians that rely on it.

We strongly recommend that the conversation does not end here and that further reforms are considered to improve renting in South Australia.

This includes reforms to improve affordability and housing standards (including energy efficiency measures).

It is essential that the onus to enforce the law is not placed on tenants and additional work is necessary to ensure that the implementation and enforcement of these legislative changes are successful.

We thank you for the opportunities provided to engage with the state government as part of this review, and look forward to continuing the conversation on residential tenancies reform in the new year.



Open Letter

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