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To:

Dear

Campaign to implement minimum energy efficiency standards for rental housing in the NT

I am writing to you about a campaign to urge the Northern Territory (NT) Government to implement minimum energy efficiency standards for rental housing throughout the NT.

This project is part of a national [campaign](#) to get all state and territory governments to commit to implementing minimum energy standards in rental accommodation across Australia. The NT Government – as a member of COAG Energy Council - has already agreed to establishing a 'national framework for minimum energy efficiency requirements for rental properties' by mid-2022, but has yet to commit to an implementation date

The NT has the highest proportion of renting households in Australia. Approximately 43% of people in the NT are renters, whether in the private rental market, in public housing or community and social housing provided by a range of housing services. Many renters in the NT live in houses and units that have low to extremely low energy performance. This means it is expensive or impossible to live comfortably in the dwelling.

Poor energy efficiency leads to bigger electricity bills and poor health, social and economic outcomes. It is harder to live and sleep in uncomfortably hot or cold houses, and it is harder to recover from illness.

Hospitals and health services are reluctant to discharge people if that means returning to poor quality housing without protection from extreme weather.

It is unjust that people living in rental accommodation do not benefit from improved energy efficiency requirements, just because they pay rent rather than own the dwelling they live in.

State and territory governments have all made in-principle commitments to ensure that rental accommodation should meet minimum energy efficiency requirements.

We are asking the NT Government to go a step further and make a commitment to implement the nationally agreed framework, and we are seeking that commitment by the end of 2021.

We ask you to consider taking all or some of the following actions;

- Support the campaign by providing your name and logo to be included on the national campaign website and to be listed in campaign material as supporters
- Share information about this campaign with colleagues and networks
- Raise the issue when meeting with Ministers, departments and any other stakeholders

I hope you will join with us in urging the NT Government to make a commitment that will make a significant difference to renters in the NT. Please contact Senior Policy Officer [Caitlin Perry](#) if you would like further information or to arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely

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