

PETITION for RENTERS' RIGHTS IN NSW

To the Honourable the Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

This Petition of citizens of New South Wales brings to the attention of the House the challenges faced by renters in NSW who now account for almost 40% of households across the state. With the cost of buying a home now beyond the reach of many, more people are renting than ever before and for longer.

We need to improve our rental laws to give renters more security and stability. In many other global cities, rental laws give tenants long term security and help keep rents affordable. In NSW many renters have no idea of where they will be living from year to year, or how much rent they will be asked to pay. Dodgy landlords can use the law allowing them to evict a tenant for no reason to avoid their responsibilities around maintenance. Many tenants don't know their rights or don't feel empowered to enforce them. This needs to change.

The undersigned petitioners ask the Legislative Assembly to reform NSW rental laws to:

1. Limit rent increases to one per year and in line with CPI.
2. Remove 'no grounds' evictions that allow landlords to evict a tenant without giving any reason.
3. Ensure that landlords meet their responsibilities around maintenance and repairs.
4. Offer incentives for sustainability measures like solar power and solar hot water that are good for the environment and reduce costs for renters.
5. Remove 'no pets' clauses from rental agreements.
6. Ensure renters understand and can enforce their rights by increasing funding to tenants' advice and advocacy services.

Name	Address	Signature	Email (optional) *

Please return this petition to the office of Jenny Leong at 383 King St Newtown.
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