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Campaign calls on State Government to Make Renting Fair

For Immediate release: Over 50 organisations across the housing and community sector are calling on the State Government to make Queensland's rental laws fairer in the midst of the state's housing crisis.

Queensland's rental market is at crisis point, with record high prices and the lowest housing availability on record.

This is forcing many Queenslanders to make tough decisions to avoid living on the street.

In 2022, the average rental increase in Queensland was over \$100 per week. Some renters had their rent increase by over \$300 per week.

Families who have previously lived independently are now looking at sharehouse accommodation, traditionally used by young people and university students.

Renters report being encouraged to up-bid the proposed rent to try and secure a home.

The Make Renting Fair campaign is calling on the State Government to take real action to address the state's rental crisis by introducing laws to limit rent increases at no more than ten per cent above inflation, and only once per year.

This would mean someone paying \$500 per week in rent, with inflation at seven per cent, could have their rent increase by no more than \$38.50 per week in a twelve month period. Similar laws already exist in the ACT, as well as parts of the United States, Canada, and Europe.

The campaign is also calling for:

- simpler and fairer bond returns
- an end to the ban on minor home modifications that improve safety, livability, and accessibility for Queenslanders with a disability
- fairer contract terms in leases
- mandatory disclosure of a home's history and condition in full
- better protections for renters' privacy in the digital age
- introduction of an industry code of conduct for agents and landlords and a public register of landlords

Improving protections for and experiences of renting households is a vital part of a healthier housing system in Queensland.

Ms Carr, Tenants Queensland CEO said, “Our rental laws need improving to deliver greater stability and safety for renting families and to protect those households that are currently experiencing opportunistic and unreasonable behaviors from elements within the real estate industry”.

Read more about the campaign and sign the petition at makerentingfairqld.org.au.

For more information:

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About Make Renting Fair Queensland (MRFQ)

MRFQ campaign is run by an alliance of key organisations in Queensland’s community sector who have come together to advocate for improved rental laws across the state.

Members of the Alliance include:

- Tenants Queensland
- Q-Shelter
- Queenslanders with Disability Network
- Queensland Council of Social Service
- Community Legal Centres Queensland
- Community Plus+
- Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre
- LawRight
- Mackay Regional Community Legal Centre
- Mission Australia
- Queensland Alliance for Mental Health
- Queensland Youth Housing Coalition
- Suncoast Community Legal Service
- Youth Affairs Network Queensland

Other supporters are listed on the website at makerentingfairqld.org.au

The Make Renting Fair in Queensland campaign calls for the government to:

- Limit rent increases
- Make bond returns fair
- Fairer contract terms
- Accessible, safer, and healthier homes
- Make your home your own
- Protect your privacy
- Ensure you are treated with respect

Details are available [on the website](http://makerentingfairqld.org.au).