

STRENGTHEN RENTERS' RIGHTS

Our plan to protect renters' rights and fund advocacy

Nearly a third of all Australian households rent their home. Yet government after government has ignored renters' rights in favour of landlord profits.

As a result, rents for often-substandard and unsustainable homes have skyrocketed, and, in some states, the prospect of "no grounds" evictions constantly looms.

Renting is becoming more unaffordable and inaccessible by the minute. Thirteen percent of private renters were in poverty in 2020; this increased to 20% after housing costs¹.

What's more, up to 1 million tenants are in rental debt, and only 9% of people receive a satisfactory rent reduction after losing income².

The Greens know that owning your own home should not be the only way to guarantee a roof over your head for life. Renting can offer many benefits compared to a mortgage if regulations ensure that people who rent can have a secure and affordable home.

The Greens will protect renters' rights by **boosting and guaranteeing funding for tenants' advocacy services by \$30 million per year** to improve access to independent information, advice and advocacy.

We will also establish a **National Standard of Renters' Rights** to:

- ▲ Limit the amount and frequency of rent rises in private rental
- ▲ Prohibit 'no grounds' evictions and give tenants the option of European Style long-term leases
- ▲ Allow tenants to make minor changes without permission from their landlord
- ▲ Prohibit blanket 'no pets' clauses in leases
- ▲ Ensure appropriate tenancy protections for victims of domestic violence in all states and territories
- ▲ Enforce disability access, energy efficiency and environmental sustainability standards for rental homes.

¹ Household, Income & Labour Dynamic Australia survey 2020, <<https://melbourneinstitute.unimelb.edu.au/hilda/publications/hilda-statistical-reports>>

² Better Renting Report 2020, <https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/betterrenting/pages/315/attachments/original/1606384096/Til_Debt_Do_Us_Part_v3.2.pdf?1606384096>

HOW THE GREENS HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR YOU

The Greens remain the only strong voice calling for a fair housing system in Parliament. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the Greens successfully pushed for eviction bans and moratoriums on rent rises, preventing a rise in homelessness in a time of acute crisis.

The pandemic showed us that when there is political will, governments have the ability to prevent homelessness and house people first.

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PAYING FOR OUR PLAN

By making billionaires and big corporations pay their fair share of tax and winding back handouts to big polluters, we can build a better life for all of us.

1 in 3 big corporations pays no tax and many big corporations and billionaires send their profits offshore tax free.

The Greens will tax billionaires with a new 'billionaires tax', require big corporations making excessive profits to pay a 'corporate super-profits tax' and axe billions of dollars in handouts to the coal, oil and gas giants that are driving the climate crisis.

These measures have all been costed by the independent Parliamentary Budget Office.

When big corporations and billionaires pay their fair share, everyone can have the services they need for a better life.