

Residential Tenancies Act Review Options Paper

Scorecard



Security of Tenure

Having choice, certainty and control over your home



Length of lease

- Optional longer fixed-term agreements unlikely to be taken up. Too expensive and onerous for low income tenants.



Notices to vacate

- Less certainty and stability for tenants due to quicker and broader eviction powers.
- Greater demand for homelessness services due to increased likelihood of unnecessary and unfair evictions for low income and disadvantaged tenants.



Property conditions and repairs

- Protections against unsafe housing through introducing minimum standards for health, safety and amenity.
- Greater certainty to tenants through a stronger focus on getting repairs done.



Privacy

- Reduced rights to quiet enjoyment when the landlord is selling. Tenants will have less control over who can come into their home and when, unless they move.
- No protection from photographs of tenants' possessions being displayed in advertising campaigns.



Rents

- No real protection from skyrocketing rents.