

Review of the Residential Tenancies Act 1997 – A Fairer Safer Housing initiative

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To whom it may concern.

1. The idea of allowing tenants to be allowed pets should be supported, however my experience is that if a tenant fails to supervise an animal, or look after / clean up after an animal, at the end of the lease the amount of bond can sometimes not be enough to cover the costs of cleaning or repair of damage caused by the animal.

Possible Solution

To allow Landlords the flexibility to hold two months of bond via the bond system to cover for additional costs.

2. I support the idea of extended lease arrangements whereby leases of 1, 3, 5 or longer by agreement, be permitted and encouraged. I believe this would give greater security of tenancy for both tenant and landlord. Costs could also be curtailed for both parties as lease renewal charges would be reduced.

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