



Your house rights

Book 2

Important questions



Easy English



Hard Words

This paper has some hard words.



The first time we write hard words

- the words are in **blue**
- we will write what the hard words mean.



This paper is written by the Victorian Government.

When you see the word 'we' it means the Victorian Government.

When you see the word 'you' it means people who live in supported housing or group homes.

About this paper



The National Disability Insurance Scheme is called the NDIS.



The NDIS helps people with a disability to live a normal life.

The NDIS means there will be change to



- **Supported Independent Living**

This means people and services that help you live in your home.

We will call this **support services**.



- **Specialist Disability Accommodation**

This means a place you can live that has the things you need.

We will call this **supported housing**.



Your ideas

We want ideas from different people to help us

- change the **law**
- protect your **rights**.



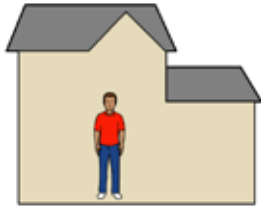
The law means rules that everyone must follow.

We will use your ideas if we make changes to the law in Victoria.



Rights are things that everyone should be able to

- get
- have
- do.



We want ideas from people who

- live in supported housing



- know someone who lives in supported housing. For example

- family
- friends
- carers.



- work in supported housing.

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You can tell us your ideas until

Friday 30 June 2017 at 5 pm.

For how to tell us your ideas go to page 19.

Rent and money



Living costs are things you need to pay for to live. For example

- water
- energy
- food.



Rent is what you pay to live in your house.

A **landlord** is the person who owns the house that you live in.



In the NDIS you will have more say about how you spend your money. This includes

- living costs
- rent.



We want you to tell us



What do you want to happen if you do **not** agree with your landlord about rent?





Who should be allowed to help you with your money?



How many times should a landlord be allowed to put the cost of your rent up?

Your landlord might put your rent up.
How many days should the landlord tell you before they put the rent up?

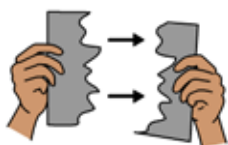
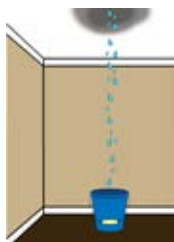
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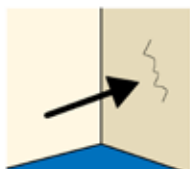
In most houses the landlord will fix big things.

For example

- a broken door
- a leaking roof.



In the NDIS the landlord will still fix big things in the house.



People who live in the house pay for what they

- damage
- break.

We want you to tell us



If you damage your house



- what should you pay for?

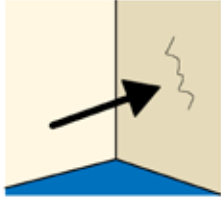


- what should your landlord pay for?



A **complaint** is when you

- do **not** like something
- tell someone about it.



You might make a complaint about how your house is looked after.

How do you want to make a complaint?



Notice to vacate and relocation

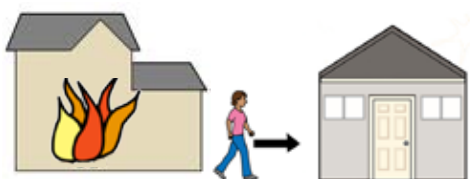


In the NDIS you can choose to change where you live.

Right now the law protects you from **notices to vacate** and **temporary relocation** that is **not** fair.



Notice to vacate is when you are told to leave your house.



Temporary relocation is when you live somewhere else for a short time.

This might be to keep you safe.

For example, if there is a fire.



We want you to tell us

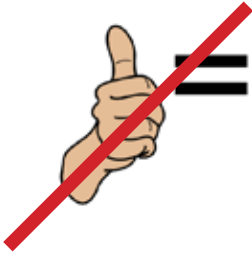


Your landlord should give you information about temporary relocation.

- What should they tell you?



- How should they tell you?



What should happen if you do **not** think something is fair?

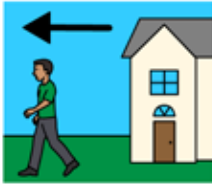


If you want to move house

- how do you want to tell your landlord?



Should your landlord need a reason to ask you to vacate?

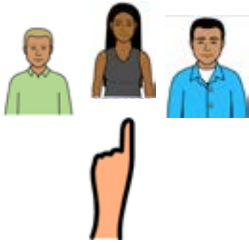


What do you think is a fair reason?

Housemates



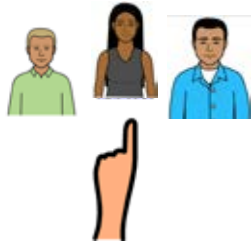
Right now the government chooses who you live with.



In the NDIS you can choose who you live with.



We want you to tell us



How do you want to choose a
new housemate?



Who else should get a say when choosing a
new housemate?



Choices about the house



Who makes the choice about how the house works? It might be

- you
- you and your housemates together
- your service provider
- your landlord
- your guardian or family.



What happens if you do **not** agree about how the house works?



More information

We want to know

- is there anything else you want to tell us?



- should anything else be covered by the new law?



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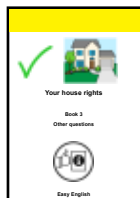
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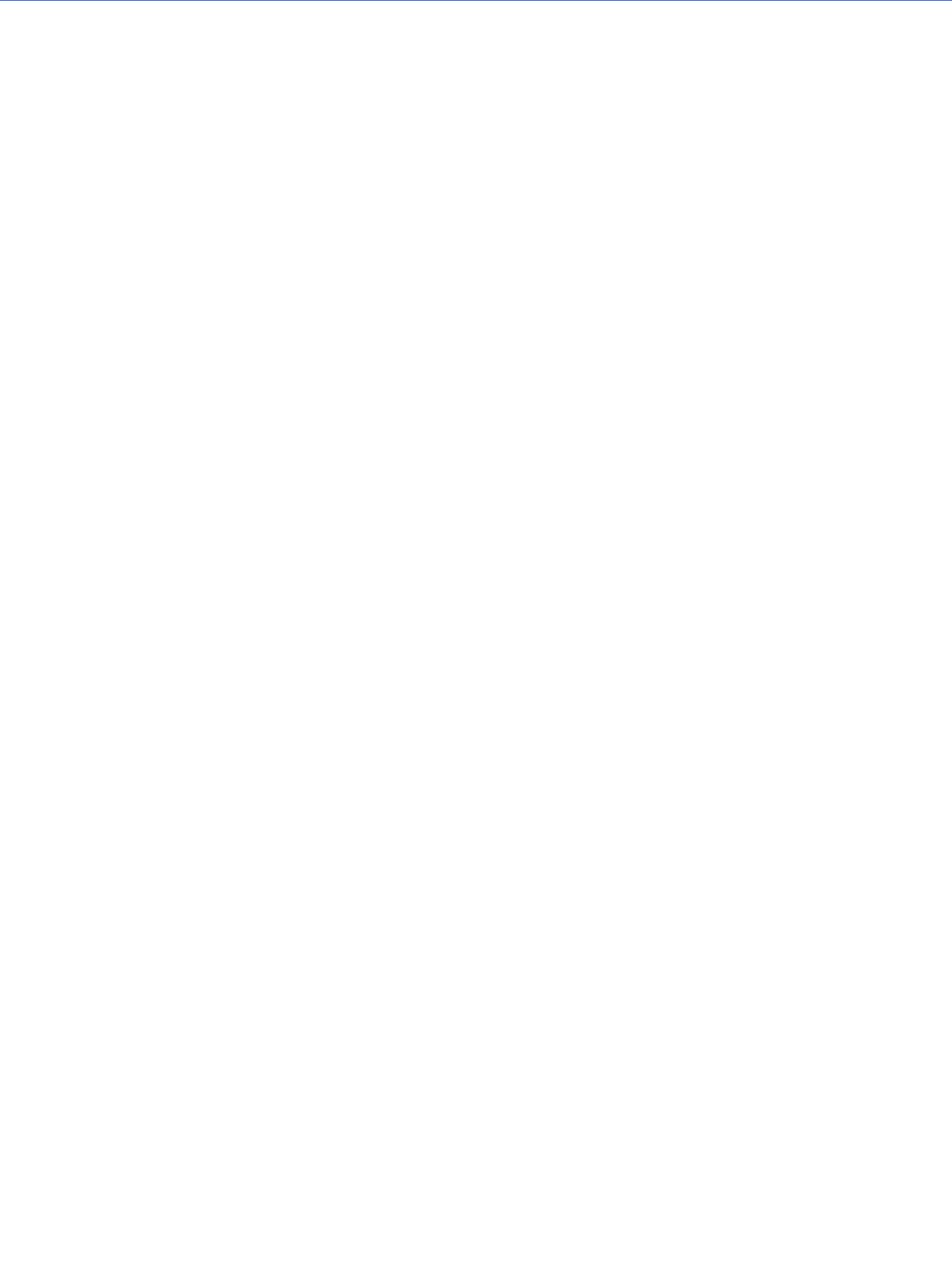
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