

FACT SHEET

Residential Tenancy Amendment Bill 2018

- The Residential Tenancy Amendment Bill 2018 amends the following items of legislation:
 - The *Residential Tenancy Act 1997*.
 - The *Family Violence Act 2004*.
- The *Residential Tenancy Act 1997* is to be amended to:
 - Confirm the Director of Housing's capacity to subsidise rent and bond following arrangements entered into under the *Homes Act 1935* and clarify that review of subsidised rent by the Director of Housing is not an increase in rent, under section 20 of the Act.
 - Clarify the Act's application to leasing and subleasing arrangements entered into under the *Homes Act 1935*.
 - Review the definition of social housing and social housing provider within the Act to better align with the *Homes Act 1935*.
 - Clarify the Act's application to individual written agreements entered into by occupants of shared Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) for the property in which they reside.
 - Allow security deposits to be paid in instalments, expand the categories of organisation that may receive a security deposit and extend the timeframe within which a security deposit must be paid to the Rental Deposit Authority in certain circumstances.
- The *Family Violence Act 2004* is to be amended to:
 - Enable a Court, when making a Family Violence Order, to terminate a residential tenancy agreement, without requirement to create a new agreement on varied terms and conditions.