

CLAUSE NOTES

Residential Tenancy Amendment Bill 2015

- Clause 1: cites the name (short title of the Act)
- Clause 2: provides for the Act to be commenced upon receiving Royal Assent.
- Clause 3: identifies that for the purposes of Part 2 of this Act (sections 3,4 and 5), the Principal Act is the *Residential Tenancy Act 1997*.
- Clause 4: returns section 39 to the pre *Residential Tenancy Amendment Act 2013* provisions in regards to a tenant issuing a notice to terminate.
- Clause 5: extends the operation of section 57 of the Principal Act to include situations where a Police Family Violence Order is in force.
- Clause 6: identifies that for the purposes of Part 3 of this Act (sections 6, 7 and 8), the Principal Act is the *Residential Tenancy Amendment Act 2013*.
- Clause 7: provides flexibility with regard to “heating elements” to require a premise with three or more bedrooms to have at least three cooking elements, and all smaller premises to have at least two cooking elements.
- Clause 8: reduces the scope of section 26 to only applying to photographs, film or video recordings that identify the tenant or another person.
- Clause 9: provides that this amendment act is automatically repealed a year from commencement.