



RENTING IN THE NT

MAKE RENTING FAIR, SAFE AND CERTAIN



50.3%

of NT residents rent their home, more than any other jurisdiction



1 IN 4

are in 'rental stress', as 30% or more of their income is spent on rent*



20%

of clients seek assistance to get their bond returned

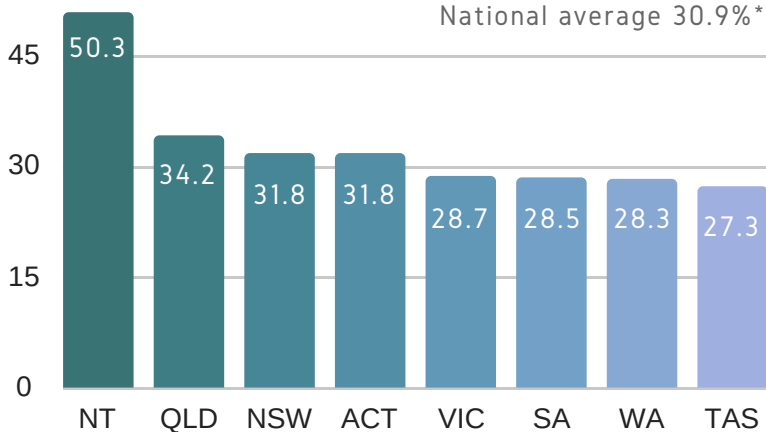


1 IN 5

clients report that their rental property needed vital repairs

Proportion of renters by jurisdiction

National average 30.9%**



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SAFE

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CERTAIN

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*NTCOSS Cost of Living Report **2016 ABS Census data. Other statistics based on DCLS service reports from the 2017/18 financial year



If you have concerns regarding the property you are renting contact the Tenants' Advice Service



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FAIR

Establishing an independent bond board

- Ensure transparency and fairness in dealing with the return of bond money;
- Free-up monies needed for renters to re-enter the housing market through the automatic return of bond money unless a genuine claim against the bond has been made;
- Reduce delays and the drain of public resources currently occurring due to bond disputes.

SAFE

Greater protections for victims of domestic and family violence

- Provide victims a way to terminate and alter tenancy agreements, without financial penalty, where they need to leave their rental property due to violence;
- Relieve victims from liabilities such as unpaid rent, damage, or listing on a database, as a result of breaches by their partner;
- Support reasonable improvements to the security of premises where victims feel at risk.

CERTAIN

Making a rental house a home

- Ensure tenants are not being forced out of their home without reason;
- Establish longer notice periods to ensure that both landlords and tenants are provided with adequate warning to find a new home or new tenants;
- Respond to the need for longer term tenancies where renters can make improvements to their homes that are recognised by the landlord.



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