1. About a third of Queensland households rent their home and more Queenslanders expect to rent longer or be life-long renters. Renting is no longer primarily a step on the pathway to home ownership but is increasingly a long-term housing solution for many Queenslanders from which to build and maintain their connection with family, community, services, education and employment opportunities.
2. Queensland’s rental laws need to reflect the changing nature of renting in Queensland’s housing mix and expectations of renters and rental property owners in the residential rental sector. These laws need to strike an appropriate balance between renter and rental property owner rights and interests to support these parties to agree on tenancy arrangements that meet their needs and sustain private investment.
3. An options paper has been developed to seek feedback from stakeholders and the community to help inform the next stage of rental law reform. The options paper outlines a range of options to address five key legislative reform priority areas, including installing modifications, making minor personalisation changes, balancing privacy and access, improving the rental bond process, and fairer fees and charges.
4. On 28 March 2023, the Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games and the Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts announced the government would act to stabilise rents in the private rental market by limiting the frequency of rent increases to once a year from 1 July 2023.
5. Cabinet approved release of the Stage 2 Rental Law Reform Options Paper for public consultation.
6. Cabinet approved amending residential tenancy laws to limit rent increase frequency in the private rental market to once a year from 1 July 2023 to help stabilise rents.
7. *Attachments*:
* [Stage 2 Rental Law Reform Options Paper](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Apr/Stage2RentalLawReform/Attachments/Paper.PDF)