1. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, many Queenslanders have experienced challenges accessing and sustaining housing. The unprecedented national housing crisis has also led to many Queenslanders across urban, regional, and rural areas being impacted by cost-of-living pressures, low vacancy rates in the private rental market and higher housing costs.
2. On 18 April 2023, Queensland Parliament passed amendments to Queensland’s rental laws to limit rent increases to once a year for all new and existing tenancies from 1 July 2023 as an immediate response to community concerns about declining rental affordability in these challenging market conditions and launched consultation on Stage 2 rental law reforms.
3. Reports have emerged following the passage of these amendments of tenancies with current renters being ended when the lease term expires in order to increase the rent more frequently than once every 12 months. This practice is increasing rental insecurity and undermining the policy objective of the annual rent increase frequency limit to stabilise rents in Queensland’s private rental market.
4. Cabinet approved release of a discussion paper on the potential reform to attach the annual limit on rent increase frequency to the rental property.
5. *Attachments*
	* [Discussion Paper – Ensuring the annual rent increase frequency limit is effective](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Jun/LimitRentIncrease/Attachments/Paper.PDF)