



23 September 2020

Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP and Hon Mick de Brenni MP

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Dear Premier and Minister de Brenni,

### **Extend the eviction moratorium to support Queenslanders during the COVID crisis**

We the undersigned urge you to support Queenslanders by extending the moratorium on residential evictions until 31 December 2020.

Every other state in Australia – New South Wales, Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania – have already committed to extending their moratoriums, recognising that this important measure is still needed to protect housing security and provide certainty for industry and the economy.

The Premier continues to remind us that there is a real risk of second and third waves of infection, that we cannot be complacent and that we must maintain our strong health response. Keeping people safe in their homes is an essential part of this health response.

The decision not to extend the eviction moratorium has real consequences for Queenslanders who are watching their worst nightmares come true.

**Jason\*** is a father of five. His wife is sight impaired. Prior to the pandemic, Jason was supporting his family through income from his small business. The business has been hit hard by the pandemic and he is struggling to support his family. Jason's landlord has told him that he will be evicted as soon as the moratorium ends.

**Klaire\*** is a mother of 2. Prior to the pandemic she and her husband were supporting their two children by working in casual hospitality roles. Klaire's husband was overseas when the pandemic hit. He is stranded there. Klaire has lost her job, is relying on JobSeeker and has been told that she will be evicted when the moratorium ends.

Queenslanders continue to be significantly impacted by the economic and health crises caused by the pandemic. The moratorium on evictions has been an important part of your government's commendable response to-date to such a significant threat to our lives and economy. Please extend this support to ensure the health and financial wellbeing of all Queenslanders.

\* These stories are based on current case examples, although names and identifying details have been changed.

## Letter signatories

3rd Space	
Anglicare North Queensland	
Anglicare Southern Queensland	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services Qld	 <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Aboriginal &amp; Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (Qld) Ltd</p>
Barry Sheehan Psychology Pty Ltd	
Basic Rights Qld	
Caloundra Community Centre	
Capricorn Community Development Association	
Community Legal Centres Queensland	
CREATE Foundation	

DVConnect	
Fotina Hardy Consulting	
Hinchinbrook Community Support Centre Inc	
Jacaranda Housing	
Kurbingui	
Lifeline Darling Downs & South West Queensland Ltd.	
Logan East Community Neighbourhood Association Inc	
Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre	
Micah Projects	
Mount Isa Family Support Service and Neighbourhood Centre Inc.	
National Tertiary Education Union – Queensland division	

<p>Public Health Association of Australia – Queensland branch</p>	 <p>Public Health Association AUSTRALIA QLD BRANCH</p>
<p>Queensland Alliance for Mental Health</p>	 <p>Queensland Alliance FOR MENTAL HEALTH</p>
<p>Queensland Council of Social Service (QCOSS)</p>	 <p>qCOSS</p>
<p>Queensland Youth Housing Coalition</p>	 <p>QYHC Queensland YOUTH Housing Coalition inc.</p>
<p>Queenslanders with Disability Network Ltd</p>	 <p><b>QDN</b> QUEENSLANDERS WITH DISABILITY NETWORK NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US</p>
<p>Relationships Australia</p>	 <p>Relationships Australia. QUEENSLAND</p>
<p>Roseberry</p>	
<p>Salvation Army</p>	

<p>SANDBAG Inc.</p>	
<p>Shelter Housing Actions Cairns Inc</p>	
<p>Tenants Queensland</p>	 <p>Tenants Queensland Inc</p>
<p>The Services Union</p>	 <p>By your side</p>
<p>Townsville Multicultural Support Group Inc</p>	
<p>World Wellness Group Ltd</p>	
<p>Young People Ahead Youth and Community Services Inc.</p>	
<p>Zig Zag Young Women's Resource Centre Inc</p>	 <p>Young Women's Resource Centre Inc.</p>