

New South Wales

Residential Tenancies Amendment (Review) Bill 2018

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Residential Tenancies Act 2010* (*the Act*) to give effect to recommendations of the statutory review of the Act contained in the report, *Residential Tenancies Act 2010—Statutory Review*, dated 17 June 2016. The amendments made by this Bill relate to the following matters that were the subject of the recommendations:

- (a) the application of termination notice provisions to employee or caretaker residential tenancy agreements,
- (b) disclosure obligations imposed on landlords in relation to strata schemes,
- (c) obligations imposed on landlords in relation to information statements,
- (d) interest on rental bonds and the purposes for which grants or loans can be made from Rental Bond Interest Account moneys,
- (e) taking photographs or making videos of residential premises,
- (f) condition reports,
- (g) the concept of "separately metered" premises,
- (h) notice requirements for rent increases,
- (i) obligations imposed on landlords in relation to repairs,
- (j) compensation payable for abandonment of residential premises,
- (k) the termination of residential tenancy agreements by landlords on the grounds of non-payment of rent, water usage charges or charges for the supply of electricity, gas or oil,

- (l) the termination of residential tenancy agreements by tenants or co-tenants in circumstances of domestic violence,
- (m) the liability of tenants or co-tenants for damage to residential premises caused by another person in circumstances of domestic violence,
- (n) the protection of personal information of tenants and co-tenants in circumstances of domestic violence.
- (o) fees charged by residential tenancy database operators.

The further objects of this Bill are to make certain other amendments to the Act, in addition to those recommended in the statutory review:

- (a) to limit the frequency of increases in rent payable under a periodic agreement to no more than once in any 12-month period, and
- (b) to specify the minimum requirements that must be met for residential premises to be fit for habitation, and
- (c) to allow landlords and tenants to request that the Commissioner for Fair Trading carry out investigations into damage to premises or breaches of obligations to repair premises, to allow the Commissioner to issue rectification orders and to give the Civil and Administrative Tribunal (the *Tribunal*) the power to issue termination notices for breaches of rectification orders, and
- (d) to provide a regulation-making power to prescribe the kinds of alterations of a minor nature in relation to which it would be unreasonable for a landlord to withhold consent, and
- (e) to give the Tribunal the power to issue termination notices for non-payment of rent or water usage charges, and
- (f) to apply different requirements for the termination of employee or caretaker tenancies, and
- (g) to allow early termination of fixed term agreements by tenants if the residential premises are placed on the Loose-fill Asbestos Insulation Register (the *LFAI Register*).

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Residential Tenancies Act 2010 No 42

Schedule 1 [1] inserts definitions of *break fee*, *domestic violence offence* and *separately metered* into section 3 (1) of the Act.

Schedule 1 [2] inserts a new provision into section 26 of the Act requiring a landlord or landlord's agent to give to a prospective tenant of premises that comprise or include a lot in a strata scheme, before the tenant enters into a residential tenancy agreement, a copy of the by-laws for the strata scheme and to disclose that a strata renewal committee is currently established in relation to the strata scheme, if that is the case. **Schedule 1 [3]** makes a consequential amendment.

Schedule 1 [4] creates an offence (with a maximum penalty of \$2,200) for the failure of a landlord or landlord's agent to give 2 copies, or 1 electronic copy, of the completed condition report to the tenant before or at the time the tenant signs the residential tenancy agreement. **Schedule 1 [5]** and [6] make amendments requiring the tenant to complete and return the condition report not later than 7 days after taking possession of the residential premises (the *premises*), but only if the tenant has received the condition report from the landlord or landlord's agent in accordance with section 29.

Schedule 1 [7] creates an offence (with a maximum penalty of \$2,200) for the failure of a landlord or landlord's agent to sign an acknowledgment on a residential tenancy agreement that the landlord has read and understood the contents of a *rights and obligations information statement* before entering into the agreement. Proposed section 31A also creates an offence (with a maximum penalty of \$2,200) for the failure of a landlord's agent to sign the acknowledgment on the residential tenancy agreement unless the agent has first obtained from the landlord a statement in writing that the landlord has read and understood the contents of a rights and obligations information statement.

Schedule 1 [8] makes an amendment that allows rent receipts for rent paid by cheque to be sent by email to an email address specified by the tenant.

Schedule 1 [9] inserts 2 new provisions into section 41. Proposed section 41 (1A) provides that certain requirements that must be met before rent can be increased do not apply to a fixed term agreement for a fixed term of less than 2 years that specifies the date on which, and the amount by which, the rent payable under the agreement will be increased. Proposed section 41 (1B) provides that the rent payable under a periodic agreement may not be increased more than once in any 12-month period.

Schedule 1 [10] inserts a new provision into section 52 clarifying the circumstances in which residential premises would not be fit for habitation by a tenant.

Schedule 1 [11] inserts a new provision into section 54 to provide that vicarious liability for damage to premises caused by another person is not imposed on a tenant, or a co-tenant who is not the person who caused the damage, if the damage to the premises occurred during the commission of a domestic violence of ence of which the tenant or co-tenant was the victim.

Schedule 1 [12] inserts a new provision into section 55 to allow landlords access to premises without the tenant's consent to take photographs, or make a visual recording, of the interior in order to advertise the premises for sale or lease. The landlord can exercise this right only once in a 28-day period preceding the commencement of marketing the premises for sale or lease or the termination of the residential tenancy agreement. The landlord must give the tenant reasonable notice and a reasonable opportunity to move any of the tenant's possessions that can reasonably be moved out of the frame of the photograph or the scope of the recording.

Schedule 1 [13] inserts proposed section 55A to provide that landlords or landlords' agents must not publish any photograph taken or visual recording made of the interior of premises in which any of the tenant's possessions are visible without first obtaining the written consent of the tenant. The tenant cannot unreasonably withhold consent. The tenant may reasonably withhold consent if the tenant is in circumstances of domestic violence, within the meaning of proposed section 105B (as inserted by **Schedule 1 [33]**).

Schedule 1 [14] inserts proposed section 64A to provide that only landlords can carry out repairs to smoke alarms, unless the regulations prescribe types of smoke alarms that can be repaired by a tenant, and the kinds of repairs that can be carried out by the tenant. Proposed section 64A also creates an offence (with a maximum penalty of \$2,200) for a failure by a landlord to carry out repairs to a smoke alarm in the manner, and within the time period, prescribed by the regulations. **Schedule 1 [15]** makes a consequential amendment.

Schedule 1 [16] substitutes section 65 (3) to provide that, in deciding whether to make an order that a landlord carry out specified repairs or reimburse a tenant for urgent repairs the tenant has carried out, the Tribunal must take into consideration any guidelines prescribed by the regulations relating to reasonable time frames to carry out repairs and maintenance. The Tribunal may also take into consideration whether the landlord has failed to act with reasonable diligence to have the repairs carried out. **Schedule 1** [17] inserts a power to make regulations providing for the guidelines.

Schedule 1 [18] inserts proposed Division 5A into Part 3 allowing landlords and tenants to request that the Commissioner for Fair Trading, Department of Finance, Services and Innovation (the *Secretary*) carry out inquiries in relation to damage to premises by tenants or breaches of a

landlord's obligation under section 63 to provide and maintain residential premises in a reasonable state of repair. The Secretary may make rectification orders at the conclusion of an investigation. The Tribunal may make certain orders in relation to rectification orders on application by a landlord or tenant. **Schedule 1 [27]** provides that the Tribunal may make termination orders in relation to tenant rectification orders on application by a landlord.

Schedule 1 [19] inserts a new provision into section 66 enabling the regulations to prescribe the kinds of alterations of a minor nature in relation to which it would be unreasonable for a landlord to withhold consent, and which of those alterations must only be carried out by a person appropriately qualified to carry out alterations of that kind. Despite an alteration being prescribed as one that must only be carried out by a person appropriately qualified to carry out alterations of that kind, the landlord may consent to a tenant carrying out the alteration.

Schedule 1 [20] inserts a definition of *employee or caretaker residential tenancy agreement* into section 80 to apply to Part 5 of the Act (Termination of residential tenancy agreements).

Schedule 1 [21] inserts proposed section 85 (2A) to apply different requirements for the termination of employee or caretaker tenancies. The termination date specified in the termination notice must be on or after the end of the period of notice for termination agreed to by the landlord and the employee or caretaker in the relevant agreement or arrangement, or not earlier than 28 days after the day on which the notice is given, whichever is the later date. In the case of other fixed term tenancies, the termination date must be on or after the end of the fixed term and not earlier than 30 days after the day on which the notice is given. In the case of other periodic tenancies, the termination date must be not earlier than 90 days after the day on which the notice is given.

Schedule 1 [22] substitutes section 88 (1) to provide that a termination notice given by a landlord on the ground of the tenant's breach of the agreement arising solely from the tenant's failure to pay rent, water usage charges or charges for the supply of electricity, gas or oil has no effect unless the rent has, or other charges have, remained unpaid in breach of the agreement for not less than 14 days before the termination notice is given. Schedule 1 [23]–[25] make consequential amendments.

Schedule 1 [26] inserts new provisions into section 89 allowing the Tribunal to make a termination order if a tenant has frequently failed to pay either rent or water usage charges in accordance with section 39, or both. However, the Tribunal may only make a termination order on the basis of non-payment of water usage charges if the landlord has, on each relevant occasion, requested payment from the tenant within 3 months of the issue of the bill for those charges by the water supply authority.

Schedule 1 [28] inserts proposed section 98A, which provides that a tenant may give a termination notice if the landlord or the landlord's agent has contravened section 26. Section 26 prohibits the landlord or the landlord's agent from inducing a tenant to enter into an agreement by any false, misleading or deceptive statement, representation or promise or by knowingly concealing certain prescribed material facts and requires the landlord or the landlord's agent to disclose certain things to the tenant, and give the tenant an information statement, before the agreement is entered into.

Schedule 1 [29] inserts into section 100 a further ground on which a tenant may give a termination notice for a fixed term agreement, being that the premises have been listed on the LFAI Register during the term of the residential tenancy agreement, or were listed on the LFAI Register prior to the agreement being entered into and that fact was not disclosed to the tenant. **Schedule 1 [31]** inserts a definition for **LFAI Register**.

Schedule 1 [32] inserts proposed section 103A, which allows the Tribunal to make a termination order on the application of a tenant if a landlord has breached the landlord's obligations under section 26. The tenant may make an application under section 103A without giving the landlord a termination notice under section 98A.

Schedule 1 [33] inserts proposed Division 3A (Termination by tenant—circumstances of domestic violence) into Part 5 of the Act.

Under proposed section 105B, a tenant or co-tenant may give a *domestic violence termination notice* to the landlord and each other co-tenant, if any, if the tenant or co-tenant or an occupant who is the tenant or co-tenant's dependent child is in circumstances of domestic violence. A person is defined to be in *circumstances of domestic violence* if the person:

- (a) was the victim of a domestic violence offence for which a relevant domestic violence offender has been found guilty during the relevant tenancy, or
- (b) is protected by an in-force **DVO** (defined to include various local and interstate domestic violence orders and domestic violence foreign orders) made against the relevant domestic violence offender, or
- (c) is protected against *family violence* (within the meaning of the *Family Law Act 1975* of the Commonwealth) perpetrated by a relevant domestic violence offender by an in-force injunction granted under that Act, or
- (d) has been declared by a *competent person* (defined to mean a medical practitioner, within the meaning of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NSW)*) to be a victim of domestic violence perpetrated by a relevant domestic violence offender during the relevant tenancy.

Proposed section 105A defines *relevant domestic violence offender* to mean a co-tenant or occupant or former co-tenant or former occupant, or a person with whom the tenant or co-tenant giving the domestic violence termination notice has or has had a domestic relationship (within the meaning of the *Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007*).

Proposed section 105C provides that the termination date specified in a domestic violence termination notice can be a date on or after the day on which the notice is given and, in the case of a fixed term agreement, before the end of the fixed term. The termination notice must have annexed to it a document relating to the conduct of the relevant domestic violence offender, being a copy of the relevant certificate of conviction, a copy of the relevant DVO, a copy of the relevant injunction or a declaration made by a competent person. To be qualified to provide a declaration, the competent person must have consulted with the victim of the domestic violence in the course of the competent person's professional practice. A declaration must be in the form, and contain the matters, prescribed by the regulations.

Proposed section 105D provides that if a co-tenant gives a domestic violence termination notice, the co-tenant ceases to be a tenant under the agreement on the specified termination date. Proposed section 105D also provides that the co-tenant giving the domestic violence termination notice is not liable to pay compensation for the early termination of a fixed term agreement. It also provides that a co-tenant who is not a relevant domestic violence offender and who continues to occupy the residential premises after a domestic violence termination notice is given is not liable to pay more than that co-tenant's share of the rent that was payable by the co-tenant immediately before the domestic violence termination notice was given for 2 weeks from the date on which the notice was given.

Proposed section 105E allows the Tribunal to make a termination order on application by a co-tenant of the co-tenant giving a domestic violence termination notice.

Proposed section 105F provides that, in any proceedings before the Tribunal, the contents of a declaration made by a competent person are not reviewable.

Proposed section 105G provides that the right to terminate an agreement or a co-tenancy under proposed Division 3A is in addition to other rights of a tenant or co-tenant to terminate an agreement or co-tenancy under any other provision of the Act.

Proposed section 105H creates an offence (with a maximum penalty of \$11,000 or imprisonment for 2 years, or both) for a person making a declaration under section 105C (2) (d) to provide false or misleading information.

Proposed section 105I provides for the operation of proposed Division 3A and sections 54 and 213A during the 3 years after the commencement of those provisions to be reviewed and a

report of the outcome of the review to be made publicly available within 12 months after the end of that 3-year period. A report on the operation of sections 55A, 71, 72, 79, 95, 174, 175, 187 and 202 is to be included in that report. Those provisions relate to, or have relevance for, the rights and obligations of landlords, tenants and co-tenants in the context of domestic violence. The review of sections 187 and 202 is limited to a review of the application of those sections to proceedings brought under proposed Division 3A or proceedings in which a party to the proceedings is in circumstances of domestic violence.

Schedule 1 [30] makes an amendment consequential on the insertion of proposed Division 3A of Part 5.

Schedule 1 [34] substitutes section 107 to provide a method of calculating the compensation payable to a landlord for any loss (including loss of rent) caused by a tenant's abandonment of residential premises in respect of which there was a fixed term agreement for a fixed term of not more than 3 years (the *break fee*).

Schedule 1 [35] amends section 186 (3) to provide that the Secretary may make a grant or loan from the Rental Bond Interest Account for other consumer protection purposes.

Schedule 1 [36] inserts a new provision in section 196 to give investigators powers of entry and other powers for the purposes of carrying out investigations under proposed section 65B or 65C.

Schedule 1 [37] provides that proceedings for an offence under proposed section 105H may only be instituted by or with the approval of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Schedule 1 [38] creates an offence (with a maximum penalty of \$2,200) for a landlord or landlord's agent to list personal information about a tenant or a co-tenant in a residential tenancy database if that tenant or co-tenant terminated an agreement in circumstances of domestic violence.

Schedule 1 [39] creates an offence (with a maximum penalty of \$1,100) for a database operator to charge a fee for giving a copy of personal information that is in the residential tenancy database to a person whose personal information it is.

Schedule 1 [40] inserts a savings and transitional provision to exclude the application of section 107, as substituted by the Act, to agreements entered into before the substitution of the section.



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No , 2018

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Residential Tenancies Act 2010* relating to the rights and obligations of landlords, tenants and co-tenants, including to give effect to recommendations of the statutory review of the Act; and for other purposes.

The	Legislature of New South Wales enacts:	1
1	Name of Act	2
	This Act is the Residential Tenancies Amendment (Review) Act 2018.	3
2	Commencement	4
	This Act commences on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.	5

Sch	Schedule 1		1 Amendment of Residential Tenancies Act 2010 No 42		
[1]	Section 3 I	Definiti	ions	3	
	Insert in alr	habeti	cal order in section 3 (1):	4	
			k fee—see section 107.	5	
			pestic violence offence has the same meaning as it has in the Crimes mestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007.	6 7	
		separ meter	rately metered means that there is, in respect of residential premises, a r:	8 9	
		(a)	that satisfies an Australian Standard prescribed by the regulations dealing with electrical, gas, oil or water metering equipment, and	10 11	
		(b)	that has been installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions for installation or industry practice, and	12 13	
		(c)	that measures the quantity of electricity, gas, oil or water that is supplied to, or used at, only those residential premises, and	14 15	
		(d)	that enables a separate bill to be issued by the supplier for all charges for the supply and use of the electricity, gas, oil or water at those residential premises, and	16 17 18	
		(e)	if the meter is to measure the supply of electricity—in respect of which an NMI, within the meaning of the <i>National Energy Retail Law (NSW)</i> , has been assigned, and	19 20 21	
		(f)	if the meter is to measure the supply of gas—in respect of which an MIRN or a delivery point identifier, within the meaning of the <i>National Energy Retail Law (NSW)</i> , has been assigned.	22 23 24	
[2]	Section 26	Disclo	osure of information to tenants generally	25	
	Insert after	section	n 26 (2):	26	
	(2A)	Discl	osure or provision of strata scheme information	27	
		comp Schei	e residential tenancy agreement relates to residential premises that prise or include a lot in a strata scheme (within the meaning of the <i>Strata mes Management Act 2015</i>)—a landlord or landlord's agent must, before enant enters into the residential tenancy agreement:	28 29 30 31	
		(a)	give the tenant a copy of the by-laws for the strata scheme, and	32	
		(b)	if a strata renewal committee is currently established in relation to the strata scheme under the <i>Strata Schemes Development Act 2015</i> , disclose that fact to the tenant.	33 34 35	
[3]	Section 26	(3)		36	
	Omit "Subs	section	(2) does". Insert instead "Subsections (2) and (2A) (b) do".	37	
[4]	Section 29	Condi	ition reports	38	
	Omit section	on 29 (2	2). Insert instead:	39	
	(2)	reside copy,	andlord or landlord's agent must, before or at the time the tenant signs the ential tenancy agreement, give to the tenant 2 copies, or one electronic, of the completed condition report. Imum penalty: 20 penalty units.	40 41 42 43	

[5]	Section	29 (3)		1
	Omit "r	eceiving	g it". Insert instead "taking possession of the residential premises".	2
[6]	Section	29 (3A)	3
	Insert at	fter sect	ion 29 (3):	4
	(34	ha	bsection (3) does not apply to the tenant if the landlord or landlord's agent is failed to give to the tenant copies of the condition report in accordance the this section.	5 6 7
[7]	Section	31A		8
	Insert at	fter sect	ion 31:	9
	31A L	andlor	d's information statement	10
	·	lar res co: lar rel inj Ma	landlord must not enter into a residential tenancy agreement unless the adlord or the landlord's agent has signed an acknowledgment on the sidential tenancy agreement that the landlord has read and understood the intents of an information statement in the approved form that sets out the adlord's rights and obligations under this Act and any other Act or law in ation to the proposed residential tenancy (a <i>rights and obligations formation statement</i>). The aximum penalty: 20 penalty units. I andlord's agent must not sign an acknowledgment on the residential	11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
	(4	ter lar co	nancy agreement unless the landlord's agent has first obtained from the adlord a statement in writing that the landlord has read and understood the intents of the rights and obligations information statement. aximum penalty: 20 penalty units.	20 21 22 23
[8]	Section	36 Rei	nt receipts	24
			it by email to an email address specified by the tenant for the service of nat kind" after "premises" in section 36 (2).	25 26
[9]	Section	41 Rei	nt increases	27
	Insert at	fter sect	ion 41 (1):	28
	(1 <i>A</i>	tha pa aff ag	bsection (1) does not apply to a fixed term agreement for a fixed term of less in 2 years that specifies the date on which, and the amount by which, the rent yable under that agreement will be increased. This subsection does not eet the operation of subsection (2) in relation to the renewal of a fixed term reement. The rent payable under a periodic agreement may not be increased more than	29 30 31 32 33
	`	on	ce in any period of 12 months.	35
[10]			ndlord's general obligations for residential premises	36
			ion 52 (1):	37
	(17	ha	ithout limiting the circumstances in which residential premises are not fit for bitation, residential premises are not fit for habitation unless the residential emises:	38 39 40
		(a) are structurally sound, and	41
		(b)	have adequate natural light or artificial lighting in each room of the premises other than a room that is intended to be used only for the purposes of storage or a garage, and	42 43 44

(c)

have adequate ventilation, and

		(d) are supplied with electricity or gas and have an adequate number of electricity outlet sockets or gas outlet sockets for the supply of lighting and heating to, and use of appliances in, the premises, and	2 3 4
		(e) have adequate plumbing and drainage, and	5
		(f) are connected to a water supply service or infrastructure that supplies water (including, but not limited to, a water bore or water tank) that is able to supply to the premises hot and cold water for drinking and ablution and cleaning activities, and	6 7 8 9
		(g) contain bathroom facilities, including toilet and washing facilities, that allow privacy for the user.	10 11
	(1B)	For the purposes of subsection (1A) (a), residential premises are structurally sound only if the floors, ceilings, walls, supporting structures (including foundations), doors, windows, roof, stairs, balconies, balustrades and railings:	12 13 14
		(a) are in a reasonable state of repair, and	15
		(b) with respect to the floors, ceilings, walls and supporting structures—are not subject to significant dampness, and	16 17
		(c) with respect to the roof, ceilings and windows—do not allow water penetration into the premises, and	18 19
		(d) are not liable to collapse because they are rotted or otherwise defective.	20
	(1C)	The Secretary may exempt any specified premises or any specified class of premises from the operation of all or any part of this section. An exemption may be unconditional or subject to conditions.	21 22 23
[11]	Section 54	Liability of tenant or co-tenant for actions of others	24
	Insert after	section 54 (1):	25
	(1A)	Subsection (1) does not apply to a tenant who is the victim of a domestic violence offence, or an exempted co-tenant, if the relevant act or omission constitutes or resulted in damage to the residential premises and occurred during the commission of the domestic violence offence.	26 27 28 29
	(1B)	In this section, an <i>exempted co-tenant</i> means a tenant under the same residential tenancy agreement as the tenant referred to subsection (1A) who is not a relevant domestic violence offender (within the meaning of Division 3A of Part 5) nominated in a document referred to in section 105C (2) and annexed to a domestic violence termination notice (within the meaning of section 105B) for the residential tenancy agreement.	30 31 32 33 34 35
[12]	Section 55	5 Access generally by landlord to residential premises without consent	36
	Insert after	section 55 (2) (d):	37
		 (d1) to take photographs, or make a visual recording, of the interior of the premises for the purposes of advertising the residential premises for sale or lease not more than once in the period of 28 days preceding the commencement of marketing the residential premises for sale or lease or the termination of the agreement, if the tenant is given: reasonable notice, and a reasonable opportunity to move any of the tenant's possessions 	38 39 40 41 42 43
		that can reasonably be moved out of the frame of the photograph or the scope of the recording.	45 46

[13]	Section 55A						
	Inse	t after	section 55:	2			
	55A	Publishing photographs of residential premises with tenant's consent					
		(1)	A landlord or landlord's agent must not publish any photograph taken or visual recording made of the interior of residential premises in which any of the tenant's possessions are visible without first obtaining the written consent of the tenant.	4 5 6 7			
			Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.	8			
		(2)	A tenant must not unreasonably withhold consent required to be obtained under this section.	9 10			
		(3)	Without limiting subsection (2), it is not unreasonable for the tenant to withhold consent if the tenant is in circumstances of domestic violence, within the meaning of section 105B.	11 12 13			
		(4)	In this section, a photograph or visual recording is <i>published</i> if it is:	14			
			(a) publicly exhibited in, on, over or under any building, vehicle or place (whether or not a public place and whether on land or water), or in the air in view of persons being in any street or public place, or	15 16 17			
			(b) disseminated by means of a website, email or other electronic communication, or	18 19			
			(c) in the case of a photograph:	20			
			(i) inserted in any newspaper, periodical publication or other publication, or	21 22			
			(ii) contained in any flyer or other document sent or delivered to any person or thrown or left on premises occupied by any person.	23 24			
		(5)	A photograph or visual recording is not published if it is disseminated solely between the landlord and the landlord's agent for purposes relating to carrying out an inspection of the residential premises, maintenance or repairs.	25 26 27			
		(6)	This section is a term of every residential tenancy agreement.	28			
[14]	Sect	ion 64	A	29			
	Insert after section 64:						
	64A	Carr	ying out repairs to smoke alarms as a matter of urgency	31			
		(1)	Repairs to a smoke alarm must only be carried out by a landlord.	32			
		(2)	A landlord must carry out repairs to a smoke alarm:	33			
			(a) in the manner prescribed by the regulations, and	34			
			(b) within the time period prescribed by the regulations.	35			
			Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.	36			
		(3)	Despite subsection (1), a tenant may carry out:	37			
			(a) repairs to a smoke alarm of a kind prescribed by the regulations, and	38			
		(4)	(b) the kinds of repairs prescribed by the regulations.	39			
		(4)	A tenant who carries out repairs to a smoke alarm under subsection (3) is entitled to reimbursement in accordance with the regulations.	40 41			
		(5)	This section is a term of every residential tenancy agreement.	42			

		(6)		is section, <i>repairs to a smoke alarm</i> , includes maintenance of a smoke n in working order by installing or replacing a battery in the smoke alarm.	1 2
[15]	Sect	ion 65	Tena	nts' remedies for repairs—Tribunal orders	3
	Inser	t after	section	n 65 (1) (b):	4
			(c)	an order that the landlord reimburse the tenant an amount for repairs to a smoke alarm carried out by the tenant under section 64A (3).	5 6
[16]	Sect	ion 65	(3)		7
	Omit	the su	ıbsecti	on. Insert instead:	8
		(3)	In de	eciding whether to make an order under this section, the Tribunal:	9
			(a)	must take into consideration the regulations, if any, made under subsection (6), and	10 11
			(b)	may take into consideration whether the landlord failed to act with reasonable diligence to have the repair carried out.	12 13
		(3A)	unles	Tribunal must not determine that a landlord has breached the obligation as it is satisfied that the landlord had notice of the need for the repair or it reasonably to have known of the need for the repair.	14 15 16
[17]	Sect	ion 65	(6)		17
	Inser	t after	section	n 65 (5):	18
	(6)		Guid	lelines relating to reasonable time for repairs	19
			whic carri	regulations may provide for guidelines relating to reasonable times within the repairs to, and maintenance of, residential premises required to be ed out by the landlord under the residential tenancy agreement, this Act may other Act or law should be carried out.	20 21 22 23
[18]	Part	3, Div	ision (5A	24
	Inser	t after	Divisi	on 5 of Part 3:	25
	Divi	sion	5A	Rectification orders	26
	65A	Part 3, Division 5A Insert after Division 5 of Part 3: Division 5A Rectification orders			
			In th	is Division:	28
				lord rectification order—see section 65C.	29
			orde		30 31
			tena	nt rectification order—see section 65B.	32
	65B	Dam	age to	premises—investigation by Secretary	33
		(1)		application in writing by a landlord, the Secretary may cause an stigator to investigate whether the tenant:	34 35
			(a)	has intentionally or negligently caused or permitted damage to the residential premises, and	36 37
			(b)	without reasonable excuse, has refused or failed to repair, or satisfactorily repair, the damage.	38 39

(2)	An a	application may only be made under this section if:	1
	(a)	the landlord has requested the tenant by notice in writing to repair damage to the residential premises intentionally or negligently caused or permitted by the tenant, and	2 3 4
	(b)	the written notice contains particulars of the damage, and	5
	(c)	the tenant has, without reasonable excuse, refused or failed to repair, or satisfactorily repair, the damage, and	6 7
	(d)	the application is accompanied by the fee prescribed by the regulations.	8
(3)		nvestigation may be carried out only if the tenant has consented to the stigation within 7 days of being requested by the Secretary to do so.	9 10
(4)	If, af	fter an investigation is completed, the Secretary is satisfied that the tenant:	11
	(a)	has intentionally or negligently caused or permitted damage to the residential premises and, in doing so, has breached the residential tenancy agreement, and	12 13 14
	(b)	has, without reasonable excuse, refused or failed to repair, or satisfactorily repair, the damage,	15 16
	spec	Secretary may, by notice in writing, order the tenant to take the steps ified in the order to ensure that the repairs specified in the order are carried rectified or completed (a <i>tenant rectification order</i>).	17 18 19
(5)	The	tenant rectification order:	20
	(a)	may specify conditions to be complied with by the landlord before the requirements of the order must be complied with, and	21 22
	(b)	may specify stages in which the requirements of the order must be complied with, and	23 24
	(c)	must specify a date by which the requirements of the order must be complied with or a date by which the requirements of any stage of the order must be complied with, subject to the landlord's compliance with any condition referred to in paragraph (a), and	25 26 27 28
	(d)	must state the reasons for the Secretary's decision to make a tenant rectification order, including particulars of the results of the investigation, and	29 30 31
	(e)	must indicate that the tenant and the landlord each has a right to apply:	32
		(i) to the Secretary for a review of the Secretary's decision to issue a tenant rectification order or the terms of the tenant rectification order, or	33 34 35
		(ii) to the Tribunal in respect of the matter giving rise to the making of the tenant rectification order, and	36 37
	(f)	must indicate that the order will be suspended if the matter giving rise to the order becomes the subject of an application by the tenant or landlord to the Secretary or Tribunal.	38 39 40
(6)	The	Secretary must give the landlord a copy of the tenant rectification order.	41
(7)	Secr	tenant rectification order may be amended by a further order of the etary on the application of the landlord or tenant made within 7 days of late on which the tenant was given the tenant rectification order.	42 43 44
(8)		application is made under subsection (7), the tenant rectification order is ended until the Secretary determines the application.	45 46

	(9)		section does not apply to a tenant or co-tenant who has immunity from ty for damage given under section 54 (1A) or (1B).	1 2							
	(10)		ection does not affect any other rights of the tenant or landlord under this or breaches of the residential tenancy agreement.	3							
65C	Breaches of landlord's general obligation—investigation by Secretary										
	(1)	to inv	plication in writing by a tenant, the Secretary may cause an investigator estigate whether the landlord in respect of those premises has breached adlord's obligations under section 63.	6 7 8							
	(2)	An ap	plication may be made under this section only if:	9							
		. ,	the tenant has requested the landlord by notice in writing to carry out repairs to the residential premises necessary to provide and maintain the residential premises in a reasonable state of repair, and	10 11 12							
		(b)	the written notice contains particulars of the repairs, and	13							
			the landlord has, without reasonable excuse, refused or failed to carry out, or carry out satisfactorily, the repairs, and	14 15							
		(d)	the application is accompanied by the fee prescribed by the regulations.	16							
	(3)	(3) If, after an investigation is completed, the Secretary is satisfied that the landlord has breached the landlord's obligations under section 63, the Secretary may, by notice in writing, order the landlord to take the steps specified in the order to ensure that the repairs specified in the order are carried out, rectified or completed (a <i>landlord rectification order</i>).									
	(4) A landlord rectification order:										
			may specify conditions to be complied with by the tenant before the requirements of the order must be complied with, and	23 24							
			may specify stages in which the requirements of the order must be complied with, and	25 26							
		. ,	must specify a date by which the requirements of the order must be complied with or a date by which the requirements of any stage of the order must be complied with, subject to the tenant's compliance with any condition referred to in paragraph (a), and	27 28 29 30							
		. ,	must state the reasons for the Secretary's decision to make a landlord rectification order, including particulars of the results of the investigation, and	31 32 33							
		(e)	must indicate that the tenant and the landlord each has a right to apply:	34							
			(i) to the Secretary for a review of the Secretary's decision to issue a landlord rectification order or the terms of the landlord rectification order, or	35 36 37							
			(ii) to the Tribunal in respect of the matter giving rise to the making of the landlord rectification order, and	38 39							
			must indicate that the order will be suspended if the matter giving rise to the order becomes the subject of an application by the tenant or landlord to the Secretary or Tribunal.	40 41 42							
	(5)	The Soorder.	ecretary must provide the tenant with a copy of the landlord rectification	43 44							
	(6)	Secret	dlord rectification order may be amended by a further order of the tary on the application of the landlord or tenant made within 7 days of the of the landlord rectification order.	45 46 47							

		(7)		application is made under subsection (6), the landlord rectification order spended until the Secretary determines the application.	1 2
		(8)	The orde	landlord must comply with the requirements of a landlord rectification r.	3 4
			Max	imum penalty: 20 penalty units.	5
		(9)		section does not affect any other rights of the tenant or landlord under this for breaches of the residential tenancy agreement.	6 7
	65D	Appl	icatio	n to Tribunal	8
		(1)	matt recti orde	indlord or tenant may make an application to the Tribunal in respect of the er giving rise to the making of a rectification order (the <i>relevant fication order</i>) within 14 days of the date of the relevant rectification or, if the relevant rectification order is amended, the date of the amended want rectification order.	9 10 11 12 13
		(2)		landlord or tenant makes an application under this section, the operation e relevant rectification order is suspended:	14 15
			(a)	pending the determination of the application by the Tribunal, or	16
			(b)	if the application is withdrawn—until the date of the withdrawal.	17
		(3)		relevant rectification order ceases to have effect on the day on which the unal makes an order under this section.	18 19
[19]	Secti	on 66	Tena	nt must not make alterations to premises without consent	20
	Insert	after	sectio	n 66 (2):	21
	((2A)	The	regulations may make provision for or with respect to the following:	22
			(a)	the kinds of alterations that are of a minor nature in relation to which it would be unreasonable for a landlord to withhold consent,	23 24
			(b)	the circumstances in which the giving of consent by the landlord to the alteration may be conditional on the alteration only being carried out by a person appropriately qualified to carry out alterations of that kind.	25 26 27
[20]	Secti	on 80	Defin	itions	28
	Inser	t in al	phabe	tical order:	29
				<i>loyee or caretaker residential tenancy agreement</i> means an agreement or ngement taken to be a residential tenancy agreement under section 9.	30 31
[21]	Secti	on 85	Term	ination of periodic agreement—no grounds required to be given	32
	Insert	after	sectio	n 85 (2):	33
	((2A)		oite subsection (2), in the case of an employee or caretaker residential ncy agreement, the termination notice must specify a termination date that	34 35 36
			(a)	on or after the end of the period of notice for termination agreed to by the landlord and the employee or caretaker in that agreement or arrangement, or	37 38 39
			(b) whice	not earlier than 28 days after the day on which the notice is given, thever is the later date.	40 41
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[22]	Section	n 88	Term	ination notices for non-payment of rent or charges	1		
	Omit s	section	n 88 (1). Insert instead:	2		
	(1)			rmination notice given by a landlord on the ground of a breach of the lential tenancy agreement arising solely from a failure to pay:	3 4		
			(a)	rent, or	5		
			(b)	water usage charges, or	6		
			(c)	charges for the supply of electricity, gas or oil (utility charges),	7		
			the runpa	ble by the tenant (a <i>non-payment termination notice</i>) has no effect unless cent has, or the water usage charges or utility charges have, remained aid in breach of the agreement for not less than 14 days before the	8 9 10		
			non-	payment termination notice is given.	11		
[23]	Section	n 88	(2) an	nd (3)	12		
	Insert	", wat	ter usa	age charges or utility charges" after "rent" wherever occurring.	13		
[24]	Section terminates	n 89 nation	Repa	yment of rent and charges owing following issue of non-payment ce	14 15		
	Insert ", water usage charges or charges for the supply of electricity, gas or oil (<i>utility charges</i>)" after "rent" in section 89 (2).						
[25]	Section	n 89	(3), (4	1) and (6)	18		
	Insert	", wat	ter usa	age charges or utility charges" after "rent" wherever occurring.	19		
[26]	Section 89 (5) and (5A)						
	Omit s	Omit section 89 (5). Insert instead:					
	(5)		desp	Tribunal may, on application by a landlord, make a termination order ite subsection (2) or (3) if it is satisfied that the tenant has frequently failed ay either or both of the following amounts owing to the landlord for the lential premises:	22 23 24 25		
			(a)	rent, on or before the day set out in the residential tenancy agreement,	26		
			(b)	water usage charges in accordance with section 39.	27		
	(5A)		grou	Tribunal may make a termination order under subsection (5) on the nds set out in subsection (5) (b) only if the landlord has, on each relevant sion, requested payment from the tenant within 3 months of the issue of bill for those charges by the water supply authority.	28 29 30 31		
[27]	Section	n 92/	4		32		
	Insert	after s	section	n 92:	33		
	92A	Term	inatio	on by Tribunal—tenant rectification orders	34		
		(1)		Tribunal may, on application by a landlord, make a termination order if it tisfied that:	35 36		
			(a)	a tenant rectification order was given to a tenant in accordance with section 65B, and	37 38		
			(b)	the tenant has failed to comply with the tenant rectification order.	39		
		(2)		Tribunal must not make the order if the tenant satisfies the Tribunal that are exceptional circumstances that justify the order not being made.	40 41		

		(3)		(1) does not limit any other order the Tribunal may make on an under Division 5A of Part 3.	1 2			
[28]	Sect	ion 98	A		3			
	Inser	t after	section 98:		4			
	98A	A Contravention by landlord of information disclosure provisions—termination notice by tenant						
		(1)		ay give a termination notice on the ground that the landlord has d section 26.	7 8			
		(2)		ation notice must specify a termination date that is not earlier than er the day on which the notice is given.	9 10			
		(3)		ation notice may specify a termination date that is before the end of the residential tenancy agreement if it is a fixed term	11 12 13			
		(4)	date, revoke	al may, on application by a landlord made before the termination e a termination notice by a tenant if satisfied that it is appropriate, mstances of the case, to continue the tenancy.	14 15 16			
[29]	Sect	ion 10	D Early term	ination without compensation to landlord	17			
	Insert after section 100 (1) (b):							
	(b1) that the residential premises:							
			(i)	have been listed on the LFAI Register during the term of the residential tenancy agreement, or	20 21			
			(ii)	were listed on the LFAI Register prior to the agreement being entered into and that fact was not disclosed to the tenant,	22 23			
[30]	Sect	ion 10	0 (1) (d)		24			
	Omit	the pa	ragraph.		25			
[31]	Sect	ion 10	0 (5)		26			
	Inser	t after	section 100 (4):	27			
		(5)	contain or l	on, <i>LFAI Register</i> means the register of residential premises that have contained loose-fill asbestos insulation that is required to be under Division 1A of Part 8 of the <i>Home Building Act 1989</i> .	28 29 30			
[32]	Sect	ion 10	3A		31			
	Inser	t after	section 103:		32			
	103A		ravention by	y landlord of information disclosure provisions—termination	33 34			
		(1)	The Tribuna satisfied that	al may, on application by a tenant, make a termination order if it is at:	35 36			
			(a) the la	andlord has contravened section 26, and	37			
				contravention is, in the circumstances of the case, sufficient to by termination of the agreement.	38 39			
		(2)		nay make an application under this section without giving the ermination notice.	40 41			

		(3)	befor	Fribunal may make a termination order under this section that takes effect the end of the fixed term if the residential tenancy agreement is a fixed agreement.	1 2 3
		(4)	incur	Tribunal may order the landlord to compensate the tenant for any costs red by the tenant as a result of the termination of the residential tenancy ement under this section.	4 5 6
[33]	Part	5, Divi	sion 3	A	7
	Inser	t after	Divisio	on 3 of Part 5:	8
	Divi	sion	3 A	Termination by tenant—circumstances of domestic violence	9 10
	105A	Defin	itions		11
			In thi	s Division:	12
				petent person means a medical practitioner within the meaning of the th Practitioner Regulation National Law (NSW).	13 14
			dome	estic violence termination notice—see section 105B.	15
			DVO	means an order that is in force that is:	16
			(a)	a local DVO, within the meaning of Part 13B of the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007, or	17 18
			(b)	an interstate DVO, within the meaning of Part 13B of the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007, or	19 20
			(c)	a foreign order, within the meaning of Part 13B of the <i>Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007</i> .	21 22
				Ly violence has the same meaning as it has in the Family Law Act 1975 of commonwealth.	23 24
			relev	ant domestic violence offender means:	25
			(a)	a co-tenant or occupant or former co-tenant or former occupant, or	26
			(b)	a person with whom a tenant or co-tenant giving a domestic violence termination notice has or has had a domestic relationship, within the meaning of the <i>Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007.</i>	27 28 29
			of es sectio	The definition of <i>relevant domestic violence offender</i> is only for the purposes tablishing when a person is in circumstances of domestic violence (see in 105B) and when, and by whom, a domestic violence termination notice can be d (see section 105C) and is intended to be read in the context of this Division as ole.	30 31 32 33 34
	105B	Righ	t of ea	rly termination	35
		(1)		ant or a co-tenant may give a termination notice to the landlord and each co-tenant, if any, for a residential tenancy agreement if:	36 37
			(a)	the tenant, or	38
			(b)	a co-tenant, or	39
			(c)	an occupant (whether in permanent occupation or occupation from time to time) who is a child who is wholly or partly dependent for support on the tenant or a co-tenant (a <i>dependent child</i>),	40 41 42
				circumstances of domestic violence. Any such termination notice is red to in this Division as a <i>domestic violence termination notice</i> .	43 44

(2)	A pe	rson is in <i>circumstances of domestic violence</i> if the person:	1
	(a)	has been the victim of a domestic violence offence while a tenant or co-tenant of, or dependent child in, the residential premises and a relevant domestic violence offender has been found guilty of that offence, or	2 3 4 5
	(b)	is the person for whose protection a DVO has been made against a relevant domestic violence offender and the DVO is in force, or	6 7
	(c)	is the person for whose protection an injunction under section 68B or 114 of the <i>Family Law Act 1975</i> of the Commonwealth has been granted on the basis of evidence of family violence in proceedings against a relevant domestic violence offender and the injunction is in force, or	8 9 10 11 12
	(d)	has been declared by a competent person to be a victim of domestic violence perpetrated by the relevant domestic violence offender during the currency of the residential tenancy agreement.	13 14 15
(3)		claration made by a competent person under subsection (2) (d) must be in orm prescribed by the regulations.	16 17
Dom	estic v	violence termination notice	18
(1)	on or	mestic violence termination notice must specify a termination date that is after the day on which the notice is given and, in the case of a fixed term ement, may specify a day before the end of the fixed term.	19 20 21
(2)	anne	omestic violence termination notice given to the landlord must have xed to it one of the following documents relating to the relevant domestic nce offender:	22 23 24
	(a)	a copy of the certificate of conviction in proceedings against the relevant domestic violence offender for the domestic violence offence,	25 26
	(b)	a copy of the relevant DVO made against the relevant domestic violence offender,	27 28
	(c)	a copy of the relevant injunction granted under section 68B or 114 of the <i>Family Law Act 1975</i> of the Commonwealth in favour of the tenant or co-tenant in proceedings against the relevant domestic violence offender,	29 30 31 32
	(d)	a declaration made by a competent person that:	33
		(i) is in the form prescribed by the regulations, and	34
(2)	A 12	(ii) contains the matters prescribed by the regulations.	35
(3)	infor accor law t	erson must not, at any time, use or disclose any document, or any mation contained in any document, referred to in subsection (2) except in rdance with this Division, unless the person is permitted or compelled by o disclose the document or information.	36 37 38 39 40
(4)	A pe	erson who has in the person's possession pursuant to this Division a ment referred to in subsection (2) must ensure that the document is stored disposed of securely.	41 42 43
(5)	be a term	competent person who gives a declaration under subsection (2) (d) must person with whom the tenant or co-tenant giving the domestic violence ination notice, or a dependent child, has consulted in the course of the petent person's professional practice.	44 45 46 47

105C

105D	Effec	ct of giving domestic violence termination notice	1
	(1)	A tenant is not liable to pay any compensation or other additional amount for the early termination of a fixed term agreement under section 105B.	2
	(2)	A co-tenant ceases to be a tenant under the residential tenancy agreement on the termination date specified in a domestic violence termination notice if the co-tenant gives the domestic violence termination notice in accordance with this Division and vacates the residential premises.	4 5 6 7
	(3)	A co-tenant who is not a relevant domestic violence offender and who continues to occupy the residential premises after a domestic violence termination notice is given is not liable to pay more than the amount of rent calculated in accordance with subsection (4) for a period of 2 weeks commencing on the date on which the domestic violence termination notice was given.	8 9 10 11 12 13
	(4)	The amount of rent payable by each co-tenant under subsection (3) is equal to the rent that was payable under the residential tenancy agreement relating to the premises immediately before the domestic violence termination notice was given divided by the number of tenants under the residential tenancy agreement before the domestic violence termination notice was given.	14 15 16 17 18
	(5)	In any proceedings before the Tribunal in respect of the payment of rent under this section, the Tribunal may order the payment of an amount that differs from the amount calculated in accordance with subsection (4).	19 20 21
105E	Orde	ers of Tribunal	22
		The Tribunal may, on application by a co-tenant, make a termination order for the residential tenancy agreement if it is satisfied that a domestic violence termination notice was given by another co-tenant in accordance with this Division.	23 24 25 26
105F	Cont	tents of declaration by competent person not reviewable	27
		In any proceedings before the Tribunal, the contents of any declaration made by a competent person under section 105C (2) (d) are not reviewable.	28 29
105G	Righ	t to terminate in addition to other rights	30
		A right to terminate a residential tenancy agreement or a co-tenancy under this Division is in addition to any right of a tenant to terminate a residential tenancy agreement or any right of a co-tenant to terminate a co-tenancy under this Act and does not affect the rights of any co-tenant or occupant under any other provision of this Act.	31 32 33 34 35
105H	False	e and misleading information	36
		A person who furnishes any information or does any other thing in purported compliance with a requirement under section 105C (2) (d), knowing at the time of furnishing the information or the doing of any other thing, that it is false or misleading in a material particular, is guilty of an offence. Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units or imprisonment for 2 years, or both.	37 38 39 40 41
105I	Revi	ew of this Division and other provisions	42
	(1)	The Minister is to ensure that the operation of this Division and sections 54 (1A) and (1B) and 213A during the 3 years after the commencement of those provisions is reviewed and that a report on the	43 44 45

		outcome of the review is made publicly available within 12 months after the end of that 3 year period.	1		
	(2)	At the same time as conducting the review under subsection (1), the Minister is to ensure that sections 55A (3), 71, 72, 79, 95, 174, 175, 187 and 202 are reviewed and a report on the outcome of that review is to be included in the report referred to in subsection (1).	3 4 5 6		
	(3)	The review of sections 71, 72, 95, 174 and 175 is limited to a review of the application of those sections to the rights and obligations of landlords, tenants, and co-tenants in cases where a domestic violence termination notice has been given.	7 8 9 10		
	(4)	The review of sections 187 and 202 is limited to a review of the application of those sections to proceedings brought under this Division or proceedings in which a party to the proceedings is in circumstances of domestic violence.	11 12 13		
		Note. Sections 54 (1A) and (1B), 55A (3), 71, 72, 79, 95, 174, 175, 187, 202 and 213A are provisions that relate to, or have relevance for, the rights and obligations of landlords, tenants and co-tenants in the context of a tenant, co-tenant, occupant or dependent child being a victim of domestic violence.	14 15 16 17		
Sect	ion 10	7	18		
Omit	the se	ction. Insert instead:	19		
107	Landlord's remedies on abandonment				
	(1)	The Tribunal may, on application by a landlord, order a tenant to pay compensation to the landlord for any loss (including loss of rent) caused by the abandonment of the residential premises by the tenant.	21 22 23		
	(2)	The landlord must take all reasonable steps to mitigate the loss and is not entitled to compensation for any loss that could have been avoided by taking those steps. This subsection does not apply in the case of a fixed term agreement for a fixed term of not more than 3 years.			
	(3)	The compensation payable by a tenant under this section in respect of a fixed term agreement for a fixed term of not more than 3 years is the amount of the applicable break fee for the tenancy calculated under subsection (4).	28 29 30		
	(4)	The <i>break fee</i> for a fixed term agreement for a fixed term of not more than 3 years is:	31 32		
		(a) if less than 25% of the fixed term had expired when the premises were abandoned—an amount equal to 4 weeks rent, or	33 34		
		(b) if 25% or more but less than 50% of the fixed term had expired when the premises were abandoned—an amount equal to 3 weeks rent, or	35 36		
		(c) if 50% or more but less than 75% of the fixed term had expired when the premises were abandoned—an amount equal to 2 weeks rent, or	37 38		
		(d) if 75% or more of the fixed term had expired when the premises were abandoned—an amount equal to 1 week's rent.	39 40		
	(5)	The amount of any money paid to a landlord by a tenant on terminating a fixed term agreement before the end of the fixed term or before otherwise abandoning the premises (other than money previously due to the landlord under the residential tenancy agreement) is to be deducted from any amount payable to the landlord under this section.	41 42 43 44 45		
	(6)	This section does not prevent a landlord from obtaining an occupation fee under Division 2 of Part 6 for goods left on the residential premises.	46 47		

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[35]	Section 186 Rental Bond Interest Account				
	Insert after	sectio	n 186 (3) (e):	2	
		(f)	other consumer protection purposes.	3	
[36]	Section 19	6 Pow	vers of entry and other powers	4	
	Insert at the	e end o	of section 196 (1) (b):	5	
			, or	6	
		(c)	carrying out an investigation under section 65B or 65C.	7	
[37]	Section 20	2 Nati	ure of proceedings for offences	8	
	Insert after	sectio	n 202 (1):	9	
	(1A)		seedings for an offence under section 105H may only be instituted by or the approval of the Director of Public Prosecutions.	10 11	
[38]	Section 21	3 A		12	
	Insert after	sectio	n 213:	13	
:	213A Furt	her re	striction on listing—domestic violence	14	
			andlord or landlord's agent must not list personal information about a on in a residential tenancy database if:	15 16	
		(a)	the person was named as a tenant in a residential tenancy agreement that was terminated, or	17 18	
		(b)	the person's co-tenancy was terminated,	19	
			er Division 3A of Part 5 and the person was the tenant or co-tenant giving ermination notice under that Division.	20 21	
		Max	imum penalty: 20 penalty units.	22	
[39]	Section 21	6 Pro	vision of copies of listed personal information	23	
	Omit section	on 216	(3). Insert instead:	24	
	(3)		atabase operator must not charge a fee for giving personal information er subsection (2).	25 26	
		Max	imum penalty: 10 penalty units.	27	

[40]	Schedule 2 Savings, transitional and other provisions Insert at the end of the Schedule, with appropriate Part and clause numbering:			
	Part	Provision consequent on enactment of Residential Tenancies Amendment (Review) Act 2018	3	
	Ар	plication of substitution of section 107	5	
		Section 107, as substituted by the <i>Residential Tenancies Amendment (Review) Act 2018</i> , does not apply to a residential tenancy agreement entered into before the substitution of that section.	6 7 8	