

Hello,

My name is Alexander Hill, and I am renting an apartment in [REDACTED] NSW.

My submission is around some rules to enforce landlords to respond to requests from their tenant in a reasonable time. For context, my partner and I recently discovered she was pregnant and are having a baby. My current lease expires in less than a month, and I have requested an extension on the current lease agreement to provide stability for my family in the future. It is worth noting we have been good tenants for 2-3 years.

The landlord has just blatantly not responded. If I was to receive a notification about a rental increase or other changes to our agreement, I would not have the option to ignore/not respond to requests, so it feels wrong to have rental tenants at their mercy of their landlord when it comes to issues like this.

I strongly feel there should be government legislation in place that protects renters from this sort of behaviour and enforces the need for landlords to respond to questioning/queries about leasing extensions to allow the renting population to have some sort of stability when it comes to accommodation (like the stability I imagine most landlords have, being property owners).

Signed

Alex Hill