

Improving NSW rental laws

Submission Suggestion

Status: Renter

Term: 5 years

Suggestion:

- Allow long term tenants to have a 'voice' in relation to strata matters

Reason:

- Tenants pay for use of a property and should have the same rights to voice matters at strata meetings, as a rental property is their home – just as an owner occupied property is theirs.
- Time and time again as a renter I have been negatively impacted and neglected in building changes because I rent – and the area of the building affected by changes are predominantly occupied by renters, so the owners make decisions that only benefit them and neglect those occupying rental units
- Whilst it's standard protocol to go via the agent and landlord, most landlords simply don't have the time or care to take up what they may deem "small issues". The property is simply an asset, where it is the only home a rental tenant can occupy. It is unfair that my needs are neglected and not heard because I don't have the financial advantage that my owner occupied neighbours do, despite paying for use of the property I occupy.