

## My Submission – Rental Law Improvement NSW 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am wanting to highlight a major issue my family found while recently needing to find a new rental property.

We have requirement for a larger home due to having a Special Needs child, and the therapy and sensory equipment he needs for his development. With our two other children we were looking for a 4BR home.

During our search we were finding ourselves being knocked-back for 4BR homes only to find on numerous occasions that the property was leased to a single person. When we asked one local real estate agent property manager, she told us we would have a hard time because we were a family.

I find this to be abhorrent. While a home can be considered an investment, there also needs to be a social responsibility to lease a property to an appropriate applicant. Leasing a 4BR home to a single person is NOT appropriate when there are families forced to sleep in their cars.

It should be a legal requirement that all other things being equal, a home must be leased to the applicant with the most appropriate number of occupants to suit the home.

Regards,

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