

## **Tenant News Partial Index**

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- Headings or headlines used to create summary of issues covered in each edition
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Background to Tenants' Union

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Real Estate Institute produces new lease

"Wealthy" Tenant Figure Increase

Shelter Rural and Regional Housing Conference

Meeting to draw up model lease

Tenants' Rights workshop

Why not set up your own local Tenants' Group!

Public meeting on Tenants' issues planned

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Recent articles held by Tenants' Union

Board Meetings

Dramatic 'rent voucher' trial soon in housing [article with comment]

State Government to establish bond fund [article with comment]

### **Number 2 – July 1977**

Recommendations of Private Tenants Group at Shelter National Conference on "Housing and the Community" held in Canberra on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March

Tenants let's change the laws

A Retaliatory Eviction – Wayne Sonter [newspaper article]

False Newspaper Reports [re TU endorsing REI lease]

Public Meeting of Tenants' Union held on 20 March 1977

No State Government support for Tenants Union – submission rejected [newspaper article]

Dear Landlady, what about a rent reduction!

Know your board of directors

Bond Fund Legislation [newspaper article with comment]

How the Bond Fund Legislation will effect you!

Housing Allowance Voucher Experiment [newspaper article with comment]

1976 Census

Rooming Houses in slum areas [newspaper article with comment]

Free Tenants' Advice Services

General Meeting of Members for August

### **Number 3 – December 1977**

State Government undertakes major view of Landlord and Tenants Act

Christmas and New Year Greetings

The Nightmare years or "why I threw in my rent receipts"

State Government to ban 'lock-outs' [newspaper articles with comments]

Why do we need a Tenants' Union?

Your Tenants' Union Policy Liftout  
Another Sad Story to Tell  
The New Law on Bonds or "where did my \$200 go?"  
Property Speculation – a major cause of rising rents  
Some suggestions to curb the activities of speculators  
Move to set up housing co-operatives – the battling wives of Ada Place [newspaper article and comment]

#### **Number 4 – January 1978**

Seminar on Landlord and Tenant [including agenda]  
Tenants' Union of NSW Landlord/Tenant Policy

#### **Number 5 – July 1978**

Workshop on Tenants' Rights  
Service Fee Due [membership]  
Seminar on Landlord and Tenant [report back]  
Tenants demand justice at Landlord and Tenant Seminar  
Summary of talk entitled "Problems of the Tenant" given by Ms Helen Campbell of the TU at the Seminar on Landlord and Tenant Act  
Annual Report [1977]  
It is now illegal to evict Tenants without a court order  
Rouge at large [newspaper articles re disbarred Sydney barrister evicting pensioners from rent-controlled homes]  
Sequel to a Sad Story I got my Bond money back  
Housing Information and Advisory Services workshop  
Important Advice to Tenants Living in Rent Controlled Premises  
Is your landlord avoiding the Government's Bond Fund?  
Housing Crisis! – Shelter the 1978-79 budget  
Providing more homes for rent [newspaper article]  
Landlords cry poor-mouth – let's look at the facts  
The Sydney Rents Crisis [statistics for 1978]  
High-cost areas [newspaper article]  
City rent levels at May 1978 [statistics]  
An expensive alternative to bonds  
Tenants' Rights pamphlets

#### **Number 6 – January 1979**

Our annual general meeting for 1979 is coming up  
State government to set up Housing Policy Unit  
Shelter calls meeting of all Tenants' groups  
Nasty Cases  
Clyne being prosecuted [re disbarred Sydney barrister taken to court]  
Report suggest law reforms to benefit landlord, tenants... [Victoria; newspaper article]  
Victoria moves to limit landlords rights [newspaper article]  
Protected Tenant  
RESI, tenants welcome Victorian Legislation [newspaper article]  
Landlord/Tenant Seminar  
Landlord and Tenant Act Reform Committee in NSW

NSW Shelter writes to the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Housing and Co-operative societies about the advisory committee

Another Nasty Case

Vacant houses in the path of expressways

New scheme is “a threat” to Tenants’ Rights [newspaper article]

Insurance premiums and cleaning fees are Bond

Tenants’ Hotline for New South Wales

Court Move on Landlords – prosecutions pending over rental bonds [newspaper article]

Three little kids tossed out – when a woman’s family came to stay with her at Newtown, her landlord threw her out on the street [newspaper article]

What to do in the case of a lock-out

Rent insurance will cover illness, accident [newspaper article]

Tenant insurance policy released [newspaper article]

Property reporter gives one reason why Sydney house process rose during 1978 [newspaper article]

Advertisement – Eviction Notice by Cockroach Reality Pty Ltd

Activities of Rental Bond Board

Some criticisms of Rental Bond Board

\$500,000 for townhouses [newspaper article]

Loans from bond money [newspaper article and comment]

The Landlord and Tenant Act [newspaper article]

No sign of rental control [newspaper article]

Housing Information and Referral Service for Inner Sydney

Misleading Ads by Real Estate Agents are now illegal

Kings Cross Tenancy Advice Service exposes TNT Slumlord

TNT Slums – residents outraged [newspaper article]

Tenants Demand Slum Clean-up [newspaper article]

Legal Resources Book

Mobile Tenants’ Advice Service

Top 12 Local Government Areas in Terms of... [statistics from 1971 and 1976 census]

Handyperson Services

No Action on a Housing Information Co-ordinating Body

Statistical Breakdown of cases handled by five Tenants’ Advice Services 12 month period up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 1978

Consumer Affairs Tenancies, Housing [newspaper article]

Clyne fined \$200 over advertisement [newspaper article]

Know your Lord Mayor [newspaper article]

Resolution on Squatting

Tenants at Risk [newspaper article and comment]

Regular workshops on Tenants’ Rights

## **Number 7 – June 1979**

Annual General Meeting

Treasurer’s Report (Statement of Income and Expenditure 1978)

The Landlord and Tenant Act Reform Committee

Research on Boarding Houses

Increasing the Stock of Rental Properties

A Chance for the Housing Commission to Build Up Its Stock of Houses in Inner Sydney?

“The Market Booming in Sydney, Rising in the other Capitals” [newspaper article and comment]  
Government Rental Advisory Service  
Tenants’ Advice Service statistics  
A Tenants’ Hotline is coming

### **Number 8 – October 1979**

Increasing the Housing Stock?  
Govt acts to ease home shortage Scheme for ‘granny flats’ [newspaper article]  
Adding on a ‘granny flat’ [newspaper article]  
State Govt’s housing policy [newspaper article]  
\$2.3m housing plan [newspaper article]  
Beware of Landlords’ Insurance Policy  
Youth Accommodation Seminar  
Housing Information Referral Service (HIRS)  
Housing Directorate  
DMR Under Fire [newspaper article]  
Tenancy Dispute – A case study from the files of Redfern Legal Centre  
Rents fall as units stay vacant [newspaper article]  
Glebe Rents to Increase [newspaper article]  
Revised Tenants Union Budget (Statement of Income and Expenditure 1978)  
Distraint in Southwark (A labour council in the UK)  
TNT Tenants’ Group ‘Newsletter’  
Old couple harassed, Ald claims [newspaper article]  
Evictions, guards claim residents [newspaper article]  
TNT Tenants’ Group ‘Newsletter’ No 2  
Private armed patrols [newspaper article]  
TNT Tenants’ Group ‘Newsletter’ No 3  
Tenants’ Hotline – We’re ready to go!

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About the Tenants Union  
Internet might even be useful  
Jimmy died – NCOSS News, March 1996  
New Federal Government policies  
West Australia: bad news  
Our glorious history – part 2  
History project  
Community Housing changes  
Tenants Advice and Advocacy Program (TAAP): update  
Tenants rights – and roses too – summary of a paper given by Paul Mortimer, TU to the 1995 NSW  
Community Housing Conference  
No prosecutions of landlords  
Landlords using local courts  
How to prove discrimination – a test case

Telstra and Telephone Typewriters  
Public tenant participation program – Around the house, No 22, Shelter NSW  
“Get tough” move  
Profile of new Tribunal Chair  
What the Tenancy Commissioner does  
Legal Stuff  
Go WESTS – profile of WESTS by Harvey Volke  
Tanzania – Global Tenant No 3, 1995, IUT  
Global urban trends – Global Tenant No 3, 1995, IUT  
Smoke detectors  
Tribunal application forms  
Penalties – Residential Tenancies Act

### **Number 57 – July 1996 – Olympic Issue**

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Atlanta struggle offers lessons for Sydney – Pat Leidy, Misplace Priorities – Atlanta, the '96 Olympics and the Policies of Urban Removal  
New Program for Tenants – David Ramsay/Keyhole Jan-May 1996  
Our 20 Years: Party and History  
Proposed reforms to the CSHA – David Ramsay  
Young people struggling for survival – The Cost of Housing Report, National Shelter  
New Gunya Aboriginal TAAS in Western NSW – Cecil See  
Explanation of Aboriginal words, symbols and concepts  
The Cost of Living Increases – NCOSS News  
Bond Bonanza  
Minister launches TAAP publications  
Information now in many languages  
The Renting Guide Tops 1,000,000  
Cut-backs to Legal Aid  
'Noise and nuisance' evictions by NSW Department of Housing – Kylie Kilgous, Tenants Worker, RLC  
Access, disability and equality – Robin Banks, NSW Disability Discrimination Legal Centre  
'No-grounds' Termination dismissed again  
Landlord pays up in Kempsey – North Coast TAAS  
Decisions to be made available  
Light relief... ['Worst Analogies Ever Written in High School Essay' award]  
A Law For Women [radio program service about how to use the legal system]  
Recent changes to people, places and things  
Free Housing scheme as the citizens' right to housing – The Times of India

### **Number 58 – December 1996 – Issue of Justice**

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Legal Aid stopped for tenants – David Ramsay  
Retirement villages win – for how long?  
The latest on public housing – David Ramsay  
The danger to public housing  
Privacy and computer lists  
NSW Government and social justice

New book: "working the system"  
Olympics update  
Boarders and lodgers: new law?  
Tribunal decision on internet  
Tenant not evicted: hardship considered – 'Tenant Times' Dept. of Fair Trading  
Landlord prosecuted  
Good result at Goodooga – Cecil See, Gunya Aboriginal Tenants Service  
Age and marital status: discrimination when renting – Anti-Discrimination Board  
Transgenders protected by Anti-Discrimination Act – 'Equal Time', Anti-Discrimination Board  
Administrative Tribunal – NCOSS News  
Working with people with psych disabilities  
Department of Fair Trading's Tenancy Services to increase – 'Tenancy Times', Dept. of Fair Trading  
Share housing survival guide  
Two new Aboriginal workers  
Arrivals and departures [TU Staff changes]  
Caravan service news – Julie Wrigley  
Tenants Union hits 20 and makes history  
Robert [Mowbray] recalls  
Tenants have it all together in Denmark  
Istanbul declaration on human settlements

#### **Number 59 – May 1997 – Budget Horror Issue**

About the Tenants Union  
Costello's Budget forgets the poor and cuts housing funds  
Staff changes  
Broken promises, Social Security Cuts and bastard Budgets – Inner Voice  
Court of Appeal win for tenants [Swain & anor v Roads and Traffic Authority]  
Increase in private rents – Rent Report, Dept. of Urban Affairs and Planning  
State ministers unified on housing funding – Courier Mail  
More people returning to rent – The Glebe  
Tenants' Rights Manual  
Update on Tenant and Community Initiatives Program  
How to be a 'Good' Tenant in the Wild West  
Our history launch [Unfinished Business launch]  
They are watching you! [Tenant databases]  
Legal Aid cuts  
Senate inquiry into the provision of Legal Aid  
Department of Housing evictions  
Legal Aid prevents another sad case  
Lodger wins \$400 through Tribunal  
Legal Aid update  
Kelburn Hall tenants win at Tribunal – Kylie Kilgour  
Radical social change strategies for CLCs – Beth Jewell and Kylie Kilgour  
Tenant's Crossword from the Hunter TAAS  
Letter from a new member in Yass  
Stretching out the Shelter – National Housing Action  
Resources update

RTT statistics report 1996

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About the Tenants' Union

Good News on Bad Tenant Data Bases – David Ramsay

New statistics on tenancy

Housing Ministers Conference – David Ramsay

Rentwatching the Olympics – Kylie Kilgour

2000 Olympics: Is it a fair trade? – David Ramsay

Hillview [poem] – Mary Flaskas, 1996

Funding for Share Housing research

Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service receives funding boost

State-wide PR campaign

National Shelter Takes A Blow

Launch Success! [Tenants' Rights Manual – 2<sup>nd</sup> edition]

What is access and equity? – Zanne Landles, TU Access Officer

Legal Aid win benefits tenants [reprint from New Verbals, Legal Aid NSW]

New Tribunal Bill [reprint from PIAC Bulletin]

More legal victories in the Courts

**Number 61 – January 1998**

Rentwatches and the Olympics

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Blacklisted: Why 75,000 won't find a place to rent – Evan Mistilis

Dear Shirley... [Q&A from the Hotline]

Safe as Houses: Domestic violence and tenancy law in NSW – Kylie Kilgour

Tenants Union joins Privacy Boycott – David Ramsay

Senator's silly proposal – David Ramsay

Summer's here and so is the vermin

Rent Regulation can work – Global Tenant [Reprint]

More people homeless [newspaper article]

Senate Inquiry into Housing Assistance Reports!

Crackdown on Rental Rebate 'Frauds' – Harvey Volke

Tribunal Discretion in Fast Track Terminations

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No end in sight for renting

Welcome to Tenants News

Sharehousing is not as simple as it seems!

Will the NSW Government protect tenants? – David Ramsay

Dear Shirley...

Rentwatches keep watching... stay tuned

It's your home – defend it!

Ministers meet on future of housing money – Adapted from Report to Shelter NSW by David Ramsay

Good News for Tenants Advice services

New service pushes for the rights of caravan park residents – Harvey Volke and Di Evans

Tenants find out their rights in new ways

Tenants can solve disputes at the Tribunal – Damien Hennessey  
Competition Review of Residential Tenancies Act

### **Number 62 – June 1998**

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### **Number 63 – October 1998**

1.5 million tenants slapped in the face

Changes in legislation to help tenants – Damien Hennessy

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NATO speaks out on GST driven rent increases

Torrential rains and mud slides create havoc for Illawarra tenants

Aboriginal Tenants find out about their Rights

Water contamination: tenants win some... lose some

Atlanta activist visits Sydney to tell the real story of the Olympics

Test case clears up who is a 'tenant' supported accommodation – Grant Arbuthnot

Residential Tenancies Act Review – The Community Consultation in Albury: A Personal Experience  
– Ann Brennan, Albury tenant

Rentwatchers news

Mush-rooms – Elizabeth Raine, WESTS TAAS

Am I a 'bad' tenant? Tenant database and you

Residential Tenancies Act: Review in final stages

### **Number 64 – March 1999**

GST: Rents will rise

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Government rushes tenancy laws in pre-election frenzy – David Ramsay

New Law – What's in it for Tenants? – David Ramsay

NSW election '99 [party positions]

State of the (Tenancy) Nation

Sydney still a Developer's Paradise – Polly Porteous

More Rights on-Site [Residential Parks]

Combined approach wins out – Matt Turner

Rentwatchers update – Mary Flaskas for Rentwatchers

New Political Party for Tenants' Union of NSW

Landlord found liable for stress caused to tenant!

Rents Up

### **Number 65 – July 1999**

Housing crisis hits NSW

Olympics Bill: a fair Games for tenants?

Goodbye, Dear Shirley... and Hello...?

Budget Cut of \$12m to NSW Housing

Department of Housing rebate cancellation – is it really fraud?

New privacy laws good news for databases tenants



What are 'bad tenant' databases?

Boarders and lodgers The forgotten people – Peter Mott

Single, white female: a sharehousing memoir – Eileen

Law reform: safety for tenants escaping domestic violence

NESB Womens Research Project: Research on Non-English Speaking Background Women's

Access to the Private Rental Market

Disability advocates fear changes to law

A Bond Board for the U.K.

Ripped off: a sharehousing rent scam

Housing freeze due to hair storm

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Public Housing rent rise – David Owens

Rent Assistance: Who benefits? – Nick Warren

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Albury tenants join database debate

Special treatment: a protest song

Have you seen that fax? [Olympics]

Rights for boarding house residents a priority: review – Peter Mott

Tenancy law review nears finish – Damien Hennessy

CSHA Funding promise signed

Historic appointment to HAC

Theirs to keep: UK squatters

Protesters shake Olympic celebrations

Urban frontiers the future of public housing – Annette Wade

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People for Public Housing

Ordinary people and extraordinary lives in book of tenants stories – 'Shelter from the Storm' by Siobhan McHugh, published by Allen and Unwin

Rough justice: Tribunal rehearing rules

Agents careless about language barriers – Zanne Landles

Tenants successful termination after landlord's breach – Stephen Graham

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Back cloud over Green Square

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About the Tenants Advice and Advocacy Program

Eviction with just cause: not 'just because' – Nick Warren

Government impersonates ostrich

Better protection for boarding houses

NSW boarders: no rights mean cold nights

'We Can't Share the Spirit If We Can't Afford the Rent!' – Rentwatchers News

Sweden vs Australia

Dollar values [falling housing assistance in Australia] – Hazel Blunden

Government appeals to save low-cost housing

Inside the 'walled city' what the locals say / what Council says

Protected tenants – Vivian Villamar  
Tenants say the GST has no place in Caravan parks  
Mind your language [lack of tenancy resources in community languages]  
Class action gets results for caravan park tenants – Jenny Watson  
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Beach-side tenants fight Olympic tide  
Tribunal accepts Olympics evidence  
Boarders and lodgers and backpackers too  
Proof [impact of Olympics] – Nick Warren  
Canadian activists want Bread Not Circuses  
Not ready, barely set, but here we go  
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Evicted! The closure of 15 boarding houses ... forced 300 boarders onto the streets  
How will low-cost housing survive?

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Developers Smash Pottery Estate – Robert Mowbray with Carol Hannaford  
Tenant Databases: collecting Tenants' names for profit – Nicholas Warren  
Trouble with your landlord? Talk to Kylie! [GSATS]  
Shelter NSW Consultation – Housing everybody  
Home Ownership in Australia: Dream or Nightmare? – Andrew Beer, School of Geography,  
Population and Environmental Management Flinders University  
To Squat or not to Squat... is there a choice? – Gavin Sullivan, Louise Boon-Kuo and Vicki Sentas  
Boarding Houses: Affordable Housing Option or Human Rights Abuse? – Nicolas Warren  
Homelessness Summit  
Aboriginal Tenancy Services providing a holistic service to clients  
Renting Guide wanted in community languages  
Tenancy Commissioner in Joint Action with Residents...  
Coming soon to a screen near you tenants.org.au  
On the road with Gillian...

### **Number 69 – September 2001**

Tenants.org.au new tenants website  
Address at the launch of tenants.org.au – David Vaile, TU Chairperson  
Pottery Estate, Lithgow: a great injustice is being perpetrated  
Shelter Gains Harvey Volke  
History and Background to NSW Tenants Service  
Worker Profile – Deidre Dowsett, Northern Rivers Tenancy Service  
Introducing the Energy & Water Ombudsman  
Public Housing Rent Hike – Rita Wilkinson, Southern Sydney TAAS

Prisoners and Public Housing – the double whammy  
Internet community information... a viable conduit – or a government cop out?  
NESB Women's Access to the Private Rental Market  
The housing crisis: priorities for action – Article courtesy of Brotherhood of St Laurence Victoria  
Tribunal to amalgamate  
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Pottery Estate Update  
And the winners are... TU & EATS  
Refugees make great tenants – tips for landlords & agents  
Housing reforms for whom? – Denise Steele  
Boarders & Lodgers Action Group News  
Losing the Last Refuge of the Battler: the loss of permanent accommodation in NSW residential  
parks 2002  
The Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Act 1948 (or how I kept my rent low and avoided a no-  
grounds eviction)  
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Editorial: War of the worlds – Harvey Volke  
Aboriginal tenants get a better deal – Ruth Simon  
Residential Park closures all over NSW  
The Consumer Trader & Tenancy Tribunal – is it working for tenants? – Chris Martin, Policy Officer  
Pensioners rule, OK? Equal before the law... as long as you can pay  
A tenancy service hits the road to Campbelltown – Carol Hannaford  
Anger grows over throttling of public housing – Harvey Volke, Policy Officer, Shelter NSW  
The future for public housing: no swings and roundabouts – just a downhill roller coaster – Harvey  
Volke  
There is a way out – Domestic Violence and tenancy – Sue Thomas, Inner Sydney TAAS  
Reform Public Tenants or Reform Public Housing? – Rita Wilkinson, Southern Sydney TAAS  
Tenancy Services refunded at last! – Kiri Hata  
Squatters News  
Boarding House research project in Newtown – Carmen Jauregui, BLAG

### **Number 72 – March 2003**

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Editorial: Make Housing, Not War – Harvey Volke  
Park People Put Pollies in their Place – Joy Connor, PAVS  
Tenants' Union recommendation to State Parties  
Boarding houses: still waiting for reform – Tom Donnelly, Student Law Clark, BLAG

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### **Number 73 – August 2003**

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Farewell to Viv Abraham – Harvey Volke & Robert Mowbray  
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Koori Network News – Ruth Simon  
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### **Number 74 – December 2003**

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Boarders Case Study: Two days notice after a year's stay  
Koori Network News: Aboriginal People – discrimination and lack of access to the private rental market – Cathy Bingham and Meryl Crole  
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Boarders and Lodgers Action Group update – Jesse Booth  
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The erosion of housing in Australia – from a right to a privilege – Amy Richardson, Redfern Legal Centre  
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Drug tests for tenants? Tenants' Union opposes addiction amendments to Disability Discrimination Act – Chris Martin

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Big response to law review [news from Parks and Village Service]

'A slot machine approach to justice'

Making the Stigma official: New laws singe out Public Tenants – Chris Martin, Policy Officer  
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Tenant blacklists regulated at last... by long chopsticks – Chris Martin, Policy Officer

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The downside of the construction boom

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Minister announces residential tenancy law reforms for NSW  
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