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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition 4027-24 *Rental costs are too high*. I note the views of the petitioners and their suggestion to limit rent based on a renter's income.

The Miles Labor Government recognises the pressure on housing markets and acknowledges that many Queenslanders are experiencing cost of living pressures. Queensland needs a strong and well-functioning rental market that allows renters to access and sustain affordable housing and provides rental homeowners with the confidence to invest.

Economic research suggests the best way to address rental affordability is by increasing housing supply. *Homes for Queenslanders* outlines commitments for further rental law reform to strengthen renters' rights and stabilise rents. These reforms are a priority response to community concerns about the impact of housing market conditions and cost of living pressures on Queensland's renting households.

The Miles Labor Government has introduced legislation to make renting fairer and help Queenslanders find, get and keep a rental. This legislation bans all types of rent bidding, ties the 12-month limit on rent increases to the property rather than the tenancy as well as:

- Introducing fairer fees and charges
- Making it easier for renters to modify and personalise their home
- Protecting renters' privacy
- Improving the rental bond process
- Establishing a head of power for a Rental Sector Code of Conduct

I thank the petitioners for taking the time to raise their concerns.

Yours sincerely

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