

Housing Legislation Amendment Act (HLAA) update

Enhancing housing regulatory frameworks through legislative reform

A staged approach to reform

The Department of Housing and Public Works continues to work on the implementation of the HLAA, which includes changes to the:

- *Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Act 2003*
- *Residential Services (Accreditation) Act 2002*
- *Retirement Villages Act 1999*
- *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008*.

The associated regulations will also be amended, as required. The work on the review of the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008*, including the introduction of minimum standards for rental properties, will progress separately as part of the Renting in Queensland initiative. More information about the engagement process for this initiative will be provided shortly.

Consultation

As part of the implementation of the HLAA, the department will continue to consult with key stakeholders to gain feedback. The proposed consultation and implementation dates for each Act are highlighted in the table below. The staged approach will assist a smooth implementation and ensure that industry and consumer expectations of the legislation are met.

HLAA Consultative Group

Ministerial Housing Council members will meet in May to learn about the role of the new HLAA Consultative Group and determine how the consultative process to support implementation of HLAA will work. Other key stakeholders will also be invited to join the Consultative Group.

Peak groups to build consumer confidence

Five organisations have been funded to conduct advocacy and support to ensure that residents of regulated accommodation understand their rights and can represent their interests to village operators, service providers and park owners, and to government.

Our Vision

- Create a fair regulatory system for consumers and operators/ landlords
- Empower consumers to understand their rights and have safe and secure housing options
- Deliver appropriate sector forums to guide future legislative approach.

Activity	May 2018	June 2018	July 2018	Aug 2018	Sept 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2018	Dec 2018	Jan 2019	Feb 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2019	May 2019	Jun 2019	Jul 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020
Residential Services (Accreditation) Act 2003																					
Consultation – Stage 1	■	■																			
Implementation – Stage 1				■	■	■															
Consultation – Regulation remake		■																			
Implementation - Regulation remake				■	■	■															
Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Act 2003																					
Consultation – Stage 1	■	■																			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispute resolution Site rent Utilities Park liaison Visitor access 	■	■																			
Implementation – Stage 1				■	■	■															
Consultation – Stage 2					■	■	■	■													
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-contractual disclosure Cooling off period Emergency plans 					■	■	■	■													
Implementation – Stage 2												■	■	■							
Retirement Villages Act 1999																					
Consultation – Stage 1	■	■																			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-contractual disclosure Access to documents Reinstatement of unit 	■	■																			
Implementation – Stage 1				■	■	■															
Consultation – Stage 2					■	■	■														
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change in village operations Retirement village contracts 					■	■	■														
Implementation – Stage 2												■	■	■	■						
Consultation – Stage 3													■	■	■	■					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard financial reports and budgets 													■	■	■	■					