

Affordable Housing in Auckland

What's Wrong with Renting ?

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General facts and figures

2006 Home Ownership

- * New Zealand's home ownership rate :

53.2 per cent

- * Number of households in rental homes: 388,275

2013 Rentals

- * New Zealand's home ownership rate:

49.8 per cent

- * Number of households in rental homes: 453,135

Improvements to tenancy services

- * nationwide launch of a new **FastTrack Resolution service**, that will help landlords and tenants to resolve rent arrears disputes in a faster and more efficient way. Under this new service, a process that could previously take up to 12 days can now be completed in as little as 48 hours.
- * The Government also launched **a new online system for Tenancy Tribunal applications**, which will reduce processing times significantly.
- * The next priority for the Government will be in **upgrading the tenancy bond system to an online service.**

Housing warrant of fitness

Challenges and Opportunities

- * The Government has been trialling a **housing minimum quality standard** on state houses
- * The Government is open minded around minimum quality standards for rental properties but we have always been clear that the benefits of **any housing warrant of fitness scheme must be balanced with issues of cost and supply.**
- * **We also do not want to remove houses from the market unnecessarily in the middle of a housing shortage.** For instance, a proposed warrant of fitness may stipulate that a property must be insulated.
- * *On the mandatory installation of fire alarms:* **We need to ensure the responsibilities around improving fire protection falls fairly between the landlord and the tenant.**