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Rowdy Tenants to Receive Three Strikes

The Newman Government today has launched a “three-strikes and you’re out” policy for rogue public housing tenants across Queensland that display anti-social behaviour and disregard for government housing. From July 1 the new plan would see problem tenants evicted if they failed to curb their behaviour.

Member for Albert, Mark Boothman MP, said “bad tenants need to know that there are consequences for anti-social behaviour. Social housing tenants must take responsibility for their actions when residing in tax payer funded housing.”

“My experience to date has been positive with social housing tenants in my electorate. However, those not so well behaved need to know, under the new policy tenants would be evicted if they received three strikes in a 12 month period for things like hosting out-of-control parties, aggressive behaviour or vandalism” Mr Boothman said.

“Tenants found to have caused extensive damage to the property or engage in unlawful behaviour like manufacturing drugs would face immediate eviction. People evicted under the new policy will be ineligible to reapply for social housing for three months.” Mr Boothman said.

This policy will give housing staff the tools to put bad tenants on notice, and nip bad behaviour in the bud before things spiral out of control. This is just another example of the Newman Government meeting community expectations, cutting red tape and stopping the waste.

There are currently 23,000 households waiting for social housing in Queensland with more than half classified as High or Very High needs. Between 2008 and 2011 tenants were issued with a combined 103,126 breach notices. Over the same period, just 320 households were issued with a termination order and last year unruly tenants did more than \$5 million worth of damage to government owned properties.

“This is a great policy which addresses community needs on many differing levels,” Mr Boothman said.

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