

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

(Amendment and New Clauses to be proposed in Committee by AIV PUGLIELLI)

1. Clause 1, page 2, after line 7 insert—
 - "(vi) to provide for a limit on rent increases in accordance with the wage price index for Victoria published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics; and".

NEW CLAUSES

2. Insert the following New Division after Division 4 of Part 2—

'Division 4A—Amendments in relation to rent increases.

21A Definitions

- (1) In section 3(1) of the **Residential Tenancies Act 1997**, in paragraph (d) of the definition of *visitor*, for "tenant." substitute "tenant;"
- (2) In section 3(1) of the **Residential Tenancies Act 1997** insert the following definition—

"wage price index means—

- (a) the index titled "All-Industries Total Hourly Rates of Pay Excluding Bonuses for the Private and Public Sectors in Victoria" in original terms published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics; or
- (b) an index published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics that is equivalent to the index referred to in paragraph (a)."

21B Rent increases

After section 44(4B) of the **Residential Tenancies Act 1997** insert—

- "(4C) A residential rental provider must not increase the rent payable under a residential rental agreement at a rate that is greater than the wage price index number for the previous financial year.
- (4D) The Director must publish the wage price index for each financial year on an Internet Site maintained by the Director.".'.