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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
DIRECTORATE: COMMUNICATION AND STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS
ATTENTION: MR N ADRIAANSE

RE: RENTAL HOUSING AMENDMENT BILL B21-2011

Dear Sir

The members have considered and discussed the proposed amendments as per the above Bill.

We agree and support all the proposed amendments; same for the following comment:

Clause 2 of the Bill, amending section 4 of the Act provides that a landlord is entitled to repossess rental property first having obtained a ruling by the Tribunal.

We welcome this amendment, as we see many tenants who do not pay rent knowing that the landlord cannot afford a court application for an eviction order, but is this proposed amendment not a contradiction of the provisions of section 13(4) of the Act, as well as a contradiction to the proposed section 10A?

We thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours faithfully

A Botha

Chairperson: Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal

Mr A Botha
c/o Rental Housing Tribunal
27 Wale Street
CAPE TOWN

24 November 2011

Dear Mr Botha

RENTAL HOUSING AMENDMENT BILL

I draw your attention to the proposed amendment of section 9 of Act 50 of 1999 which reads

5(b): (4A) 'A person appointed in terms of subsection (4) may not serve more that two consecutive terms.'

It is my considered opinion that this would be punitive to those who could be of enormous benefit to the Rental Tribunals, as there are few individuals who are expert in the various sectors expected of future members.

I strongly believe that this clause should be altered and state that a member who has fulfilled two consecutive terms may not be reappointed by the Minister, but may be permitted to reapply for a particular post within the Rental Housing Tribunal which application will be assessed by the selection committee.

I trust that this will meet with the approval of the objections committee.

Yours sincerely


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Member Western Cape Rental Housing Tribunal

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