

Expiration of National Rental Affordability Scheme agreements daunting for Tasmanian tenants

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Hundreds of Tasmanians could face rent hikes or have properties sold off from underneath them when more homes come off the National Rental Affordability Scheme next year.

There are more than 1600 households across Tasmania that have been or will be affected by the expiration of NRAS.

Data has indicated 128 properties exited from the scheme in Tasmania in 2020 and 300 properties will be or have been lost between 2021 and 2022.

More than 300 properties will leave the scheme in 2024 and almost 600 in 2026.

Labor's housing spokeswoman Ella Haddad (pictured) said tenants were told they would be looked after when the 10-year lease on NRAS homes expired.

"Now they are being given no answers at all," she said.

"They don't know whether they will be homeless in June next year."

Government minister Roger Jaensch said the state government had been monitoring the gradual phase-out of the scheme.

"We've made some modifications to our Private Rental Incentive Scheme to ensure that properties that have previously operated under the NRAS scheme can be considered for eligibility," he said.

"I'm expecting that any cases that have been spoken about now have been captured in that solution."

Mr Jaensch said concerned residents were encouraged to contact Housing Connect.

Ms Haddad said there was a 79-week waiting period for housing through Housing Connect with almost 4500 families on the wait list. "That's not a solution for these tenants," she said.