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To whom it may concern,

I write to you, as the Member for Adelaide, to make a submission to the current review of the *Residential Tenancies Act*.

I am so pleased the Malinauskas Labor Government is consulting on an update for South Australia's rental laws to better meet the needs of today's rental market, improve protections for renters, and ensure landlords can manage their properties effectively.

When I am out and about listening to members of our community, I often hear about some of the difficulties local residents in my community have with their rental properties.

Overwhelmingly, members of my local community are concerned by the current legislation in regards to renting with pets. Many renters in the Adelaide electorate find it increasingly difficult to find a pet-friendly rental property to call home and would like to see legislation reform to change this.

Through direct correspondence and conversations in our neighbourhoods, stories from locals include choosing to live in cars or in unsafe living situations to keep their pets or making the heartbreaking decision to surrender their beloved pets to avoid living on the streets.

As a result, animal rescue organisations – like the RSPCA – are struggling to cope with this influx.

Like my community, I am pleased to have an opportunity to suggest reforms in this area as part of the Act's review. It is important that any reforms ensure landlords can effectively maintain their properties, but also so tenants are safe, secure and happy in their homes.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office on 8269 1838 or via email: adelaide@parliament.sa.gov.au if you would like to discuss this further.

Thank you for considering the views and suggestions of my local community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Lucy Hood'.

Lucy Hood MP
Member for Adelaide

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