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Submitted to Housing (Amendment) Bill - Call for Evidence
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Consent and introduction

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General views on the Bill

Do you support the overall purpose of the Housing (Amendment) Bill?

Yes

Please explain your answer, including any areas where you believe the Bill should be amended.:

Current 28-day period

Do you consider that the current 28-day period provides adequate protection for people who are threatened with homelessness?

No

Please explain your answer, including any practical examples or evidence.:

Proposed 60-day period — Clause 1

Clause 1 would amend the definition of “threatened with homelessness” so that a person is included if they are likely to become homeless within 60 days rather than 28 days. Do you support this change?

Yes

What impact would this change have on homelessness prevention?

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Practical impact on people at risk of homelessness

Would extending the period to 60 days make it more likely that homelessness can be prevented before a person or household reaches crisis point?

Yes

Please explain your answer.:

Temporary accommodation and housing supply

Could the Bill increase demand for temporary accommodation, including non-standard accommodation such as hotels or B&Bs?

Yes

If so, how should this risk be addressed?:

Commencement — Clause 2

Clause 2 provides that the Act would come into operation 6 months after Royal Assent. Is this an appropriate period to allow for preparation and implementation?

Yes

Please explain your answer.:

Suggested amendments

Please identify any specific amendments you would suggest, including the relevant clause where possible.

A textbox for adding comments: