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Mr Phillip Byrne
Secretary
South Australian Residential Parks Residents Association Inc
By email: SARPRA10@outlook.com

Dear Mr Byrne

I write in response to your letter of 19 October 2020 concerning the implementation of a standard form lease agreement under the *Residential Parks Act 2007* (the Act).

As you are aware, recent reforms to the Act significantly improved the rights of residential park residents and provided long term security to site residents living in residential parks in South Australia.

As part of the reforms, consideration was given to implementing a standard mandatory agreement for residents. This was not progressed however due to the diversity of arrangements offered in each park, resulting from the different needs of residents and the different types of dwellings within each park.

As a balance, the Act was amended so that the Commissioner for Consumer Affairs was required to provide model agreement templates for park owners to use, or to use as a guide when drafting their own agreements with residents. These templates have been developed and are published on the sa.gov.au website.

While the model agreements are not mandatory, there is a requirement that park owners provide proposed agreements to tenants at least 14 days before the agreement is to be signed, along with the disclosure document and site condition report. This affords the resident time to review the agreement and seek any required advice prior to signing.

Should the South Australian Residential Parks Residents Association Inc be aware of any park owners not complying with the Act, I encourage these details to be provided to Consumer and Business Services by phoning 131 882 or at CBSComplianceandEnforcement@sa.gov.au.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely


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