



POH1804

RENT SETTING AND SUBSIDY POLICY

INTRODUCTION

Women's Property Initiatives Ltd (WPI) complies with the Residential Tenancies Act (1997) Vic and other requirements set out in the Housing Act 1983. This policy outlines how WPI intends to meet the Key Performance Measurements established by the Victorian Housing Registrar in relation to determining and managing rents.

POLICY SCOPE

This policy relates to all WPI tenants living in housing properties owned or managed by WPI under the relevant programs. The following housing programs are out of scope of this policy:

- properties managed by WPI on behalf of private property owners where the owner retains the responsibility for setting rents.

PURPOSE

This policy outlines WPI's guiding principle to rent setting and rent subsidy. It establishes the approach WPI will take in setting rent for its rental housing programs identified within the scope of this policy. This policy outlines the approach to both affordable rent payable as well as rental subsidies.

POLICY STATEMENT

WPI will:

- set rent to fulfil its social mission and in accordance with established affordability benchmarks to avoid household rental stress;
- communicate clearly to applicants and tenants as to how rent is set and reviewed and provide the right of tenants to be heard in matters of setting rents;
- respond appropriately to changes in household circumstances to prevent undue hardship; and
- comply with its contractual, legal, and regulatory obligations relating to affordability of rent.

RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION

PPH1841 Rent Setting and Subsidy Procedures

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

Housing Act 1983

Residential Tenancies Act 1997 (Vic)

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