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DRAPER SUPPORTS PROPOSED TENANT DATABASE LAWS

Member for Tamworth, Peter Draper has put his weight behind proposed new regulations that aim to ensure fairer use of tenancy databases by real estate agents and landlords.

"Tenancy databases are a valuable tool for agents in safeguarding against tenants with a history of defaulting on rent or of property damage, but it is essential that these databases are managed according to strict criteria" said Mr Draper today.

"Inaccurate, out of date or misleading information can severely damage a tenant's reputation and creates unnecessary work for an agent or landlord.

"Tenants are entitled to know that their information is being held on a database, and the details of that information. Most importantly, they should have the right to have incorrect information removed" Mr Draper said.

"The proposed changes ensure that the tenancy database procedures are transparent and readily available to those implicated by the information it contains. They also put the onus on the agent or landlord to notify of changes to a tenants situation, such as a debt being finalised.

"I fully support these regulation changes as being fair and reasonable to all concerned and recommend that those with an interest in this matter have a look at the proposals and provide feedback to the Minister for Fair Trading " Mr Draper concluded.

The draft regulation is available on the internet at www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au or by phone on 9338 8920. Comment on the proposals can be lodged with the Department of Fair Trading on the website or number listed above.

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