

# More affordable housing



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million**

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**\$2.7  
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**\$700  
million**

ongoing support per year

## Easing pressure on renters

### Largest increase to Commonwealth Rent Assistance in over 30 years

Too many Australians are facing rising housing pressures.

That's why the Government is providing additional income support to low-income households who rent. We are increasing the maximum rates of Commonwealth Rent Assistance by 15 per cent at a cost of \$2.7 billion over 5 years, the largest increase to Commonwealth Rent Assistance in over 3 decades.

Around 1.1 million households receiving Commonwealth Rent Assistance will be better off.

This will help recipients better manage cost-of-living pressures in the face of strong rent growth and will help alleviate rental stress experienced by Commonwealth Rent Assistance recipients. Renters in Australia will be further supported through the National Cabinet commissioned reforms to strengthen renters' rights across the country.



Priya and Michael are a couple with 3 children. They receive Family Tax Benefit Part A and rent their home. They currently receive the maximum Commonwealth Rent Assistance payment. Their rent will increase when their lease is renewed. With increased Commonwealth Rent Assistance, they will receive around an additional \$800 per year in government support to help them with their rent and cost-of-living pressures.