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As Yet Another Opinion Poll Shows Community Support For Rent Controls, It's Time For Governments To Act

This week's Essential Media poll has demonstrated that once again there is growing public support for freezing rents during the current rental affordability crisis.

Three in four Australians believe rents should either be capped to inflation or frozen until economic conditions improve, according to the latest Guardian Essential poll.

Presented with choices about rental policies, **44% of the 1,151 respondents supported an annual increase to rents by no more than inflation, while 34% believed rents should be frozen until the economy turns around.**

Anti-Poverty Network SA spokesperson Duncan Bainbridge said: "*With rents skyrocketing across the country, including a 20% rise in SA rents, over the last 2 years, we need the government to respond to this emergency with strong action.*"

"For growing numbers of renters, massive rent rises are making it harder and harder to stay afloat. To stay in their homes, renters, especially those on low incomes, are having to sacrifice everything else: food, medicine, and other essentials."

"It is now a prime opportunity to change the law to allow governments to limit huge rent rises, and increase protections for renters. But the Government has chosen to prioritise the profits of investors and landlords, over people trying to keep a roof over their head."

"There is no time anymore for fiddling, or for baby steps'. We face an emergency, and we need decisive, swift action." Mr Bainbridge said.

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