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Dear Mr Duncan

Thank you for your letter dated 10 November 2021, regarding petition 44-21 lodged by Ms Nicole Lawder MLA. The petition calls on the Government to:

Immediately remove the tenants from our community.

The concerns outlined in the petition are noted.

The ACT Government (Housing ACT) is the largest social landlord with a portfolio of approximately 11,500 properties. The vast majority of social housing tenants successfully sustain their tenancies. For those tenants who require additional support, Housing ACT works closely with a range of community agencies to provide these supports.

The Government does acknowledge that where there are ongoing breaches of a tenancy agreement that it can have significant impacts on the community. As a landlord, Housing ACT is required to manage tenancies in accordance with the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997*, which outlines the responsibilities of tenants and the processes that need to be followed for addressing tenancy issues.

Community members are welcome to use the range of tools available to highlight and seek resolution to issues. In the first instance, they are encouraged to contact Housing ACT. For members of the Assembly, it would be preferable to engage via the Minister's Office rather than publishing personal information.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Vassarotti', with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

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