



The Queensland Branch Committee of the Australasian Housing Institute presents an afternoon forum:

**Renting in Queensland:
A changing tenure and a growing problem?**

Hear from two great speakers about what's happening to the nature of renting in Queensland, and some consequences of the current tight rental squeeze!

The competitive renting landscape in Queensland is making it more difficult for people to find suitable accommodation, with growing numbers of people experiencing a market that has a tight rental squeeze. Australia is currently experiencing a historically tight rental market not evidenced since the last world war. The tight rental market reflects low housing supply, decreases in the proportion of public housing, increases in demand for housing as household configurations change, and increasing population. This presentation will focus on two elements – tight rental markets and scarcity behaviour – by examining two broad case studies relevant to the Queensland experience.

Aim

Presentation participants will learn about the changing rental landscape in Queensland and look at the state of play in a hugely competitive and growing market. They can learn about areas where the market may vary and develop a clearer understanding of the supply and demand mechanism of the rental market today.

Seminar Themes

- ❖ Examine some of the core reasons to why tenants in Queensland shift frequently
- ❖ Learn how changes in the broader housing system impact on types of renters
- ❖ Examine why little change has occurred in the supply of rental housing
- ❖ Understand why Australia is experiencing the most historically tight rental market unseen since the last World War
- ❖ Examine scarcity behaviour and as a consequence, rent-bidding

A Question and Answer session will conclude the presentation and light refreshments will be served at its conclusion.

The Presenters

Private rental tenure: thoroughly modern, post-modern or an anachronism?

Tim Seelig, Lecturer and Research Fellow, University of Queensland

The private rental sector has received recent attention in the media and in policy debates on the issue of affordability, but much less focus has been placed on the shifting nature of tenants in Queensland, and how changes in the broader housing system are impacting on types of renters. A curious parallel process concerns how *little* change has occurred in the supply of rental housing, begging a critical question about the suitability of the rental market in its present form: thoroughly modern, post-modern or an anachronism?

Tight rental markets and scarcity behaviour in Queensland

Janet Arber, Principal Policy Officer, Residential Tenancies Authority

As Principal Policy Officer for Queensland's Residential Tenancies Authority for six years, Janet Arber has been involved in the introduction of residential services legislation covering room-only style accommodation for vulnerable clients, and was involved in developing Australia's first legislation to address tenancy database issues. Over the past two years, her focus has been on reviewing the *Residential Tenancies Act 1994* and *Residential Services (Accommodation) Act 2002*, both of which are nearing drafting stage. Janet's previous positions with the RTA in the fields of communications and community education have given her a broad understanding of the residential rental sector and issues facing the community.

Where:	Earl of Inchcape Room, Brisbane Polo Club, 1 Eagle Street, Brisbane City
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When:	Wednesday 13 February, from 3pm – 5pm
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COST: FREE for AHI members / \$25 for non-members or \$25 discount off your membership if you sign up on the day.

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13th February 2008

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