

# Rental Stress – Legal Support



**At Gippsland Community Legal Service, we offer free legal advice to people in a private tenancy experiencing rental stress across the state.**

- Is your rent more than 30% of your income?
- Are you having legal trouble with your rental home?
- Are you behind in your rent and can't catch up?
- Are you paying your rent but struggling to afford other living expenses?
- Are you at risk of becoming homeless?

## **What is rental stress?**

Rental Stress happens when a person's rent is unaffordable, making it hard for them to pay for other things they need.

Help is available for Victorians who are having trouble paying for rent and other living costs, not just people who live, work or study in Gippsland.

## **GCLS can help private renters who are experiencing rental stress by:**

- Providing legal advice about your rental situation
- Referring you to Anglicare Victoria's Rental Stress financial counselling team, who can help you understand your financial situation, provide tips to help you manage your money and help you negotiate with creditors
- Referring you to other services such as housing and advocacy

*Sometimes it's hard to know whether your problem is a financial or a legal issue, and it could be both. GCLS's lawyers and Anglicare Victoria's financial counsellors will be able to determine which service will be most helpful for you or work together to help you resolve the matter if required.*

**Please contact us on 1800 004 402, visit our [website](#) or scan the QR Code for more information:**

