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Deputy Hilary Jeune  
Chair, Environment, Housing, and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel  
**BY EMAIL**

13 May 2025

Dear Chair,

**Re: Environment, Housing, and Infrastructure Panel Draft Residential Tenancy (Jersey)  
Amendment Law 202- Review**

Following our meeting on Friday 2 May, when I highlighted my concerns about the Panel's request for a further delay to the debate of the amendment law, I now write to confirm my position.

I was pleased to accept the Panel's initial request to schedule the debate on the amendment Law for 8 July, as this would provide a substantial amount of time for a comprehensive review, whilst still allowing enough time to enact all the subsequent provisions that will follow the Law, so that it may be enacted before the end of this term of office. However, as discussed at our meeting, delaying the debate to 9 September presents a very real risk that the amendment Law, if passed, would not be enacted during this term of office. Such a delay would also bring the debate close to the expiration of my initial proposition. I therefore cannot agree to something that could jeopardise such a significant piece of work. The rental market – home to around half of our population – must have a modern and fit-for-purpose legal framework to protect tenants and landlords. I am determined to achieve this in this term of office.

I would urge the Panel to work to meet the deadline of 8 July that was initially requested, which already takes account of a 12-week review plus an additional 2 weeks. As discussed, my officers are ready to share any resources to support your review.

Yours sincerely,



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