

RENTERS WANT BANG FOR BUCK

In a recent survey by rental property website rent.com.au, the majority of Australian renters named the inability to personalise their home as their top gripe when it came to renting, ahead of factors such as cost increases and inconvenient rental inspection times. Eighty-five per cent of respondents said they wanted more information on how they could personalise their rental property without the need to involve the landlord or agent, with the key factors being a good kitchen (79.9 per cent), the ability to hang artwork (71.9 per cent), have a pet (71.4 per cent), and create or modify a garden (56.7 per cent). The survey also found more than half of respondents were renting because of the inaccessible housing market. "Over 55 per cent of respondents in the survey stated they are renting because they can't afford a house," rent.com.au chief executive Mark Woschnak said.