

## Results of Renters Survey Suggests More Flexibility Required

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RENTERS want landlords to pay them greater respect, and they want to be able to customise their homes, according to a recent survey by online group rent.com.au.

The survey also rated as top renter concerns: the ability to own a pet, hang artwork and photos, work on gardens, or enjoy better quality kitchens. Renters also called for home-inspection times that are outside of business hours, and for more time to inspect homes, so as to "get a feel".

The survey, reported in various press, does not disclose the number of survey respondents. However the issues have presented for decades to landlords.

Interestingly the survey raised an issue of advertised rents often differing from prices given during inspections.

Rent.com.au chief executive Mark Woschnak said more than half of its respondents were renting because they could not afford a house. He said 28 per cent of the population rents.

He said over time there will be greater pressure on landlords to provide homes for singles, couples and families, rather than just bricks and mortar. He added landlords need to better maintain properties, especially if they continue to push through rent increases, for reasons which are often inadequate.



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