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# **Review of Rooming House Registration**

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- Housing is becoming less affordable
- Private sector to provide accommodation that State government won't fund
- Due to unscrupulous operators rooming houses are now seen as problem housing
- Government's response has been to increase legislation in a piecemeal fashion

## Review of Rooming House Registration

Why do we register rooming houses?

- Health Act 1958 / Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008
- Prescribed Accommodation
- Infection control -
  - Overcrowding
  - Sanitation
  - Register of occupants

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So where can you find information about infection control in rooming houses on the DHHS website?

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- Following the Coroner's Inquest in 2006 there have been a number of changes:
  - Threshold for registration was reduced from 6 bedrooms to 4 bedrooms in 2008
  - In 2011 the National Construction Code introduced the concept of Universal Access
  - Two changes in 2012
    - The introduction of the state-wide register of rooming houses
    - The introduction of eleven (11) minimum standards
  - The Rooming House Operators Licence was introduced in 2017

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So what's the answer?

- Oversight and registration of rooming houses should be transferred from 79 Councils to Consumer Affairs Victoria
  - Oversee the Rooming House Operator's Licence
  - Maintain the state-wide rooming house register
  - Incorporate the overcrowding and hygiene standards into the minimum standards
  - Recover costs through one standard registration fee
  - Single set of enforcement tools

Questions?

