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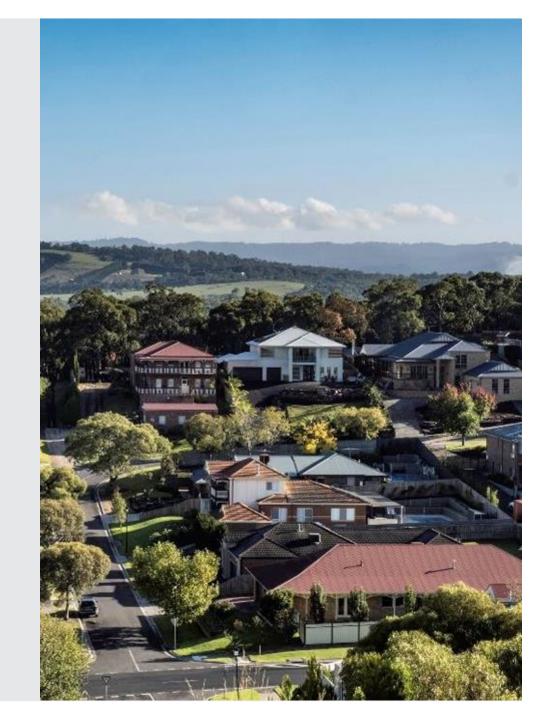
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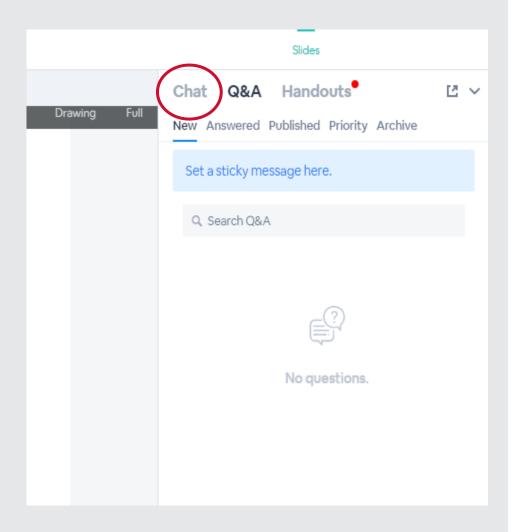


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## Today's session

#### Read the research:

https://www.ahuri.edu.au/research/final-reports/431

#### Webinar recording available at:

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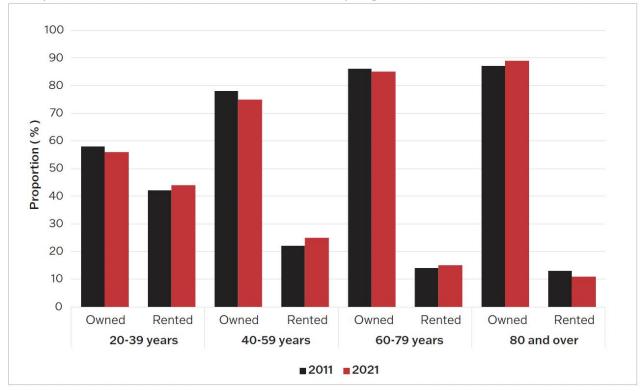


### Evidence of a shifting tenure landscape



- Likely now more renters than outright homeowners
- Rental is no longer a "tenure of transition"
- The rise of the lifetime renter

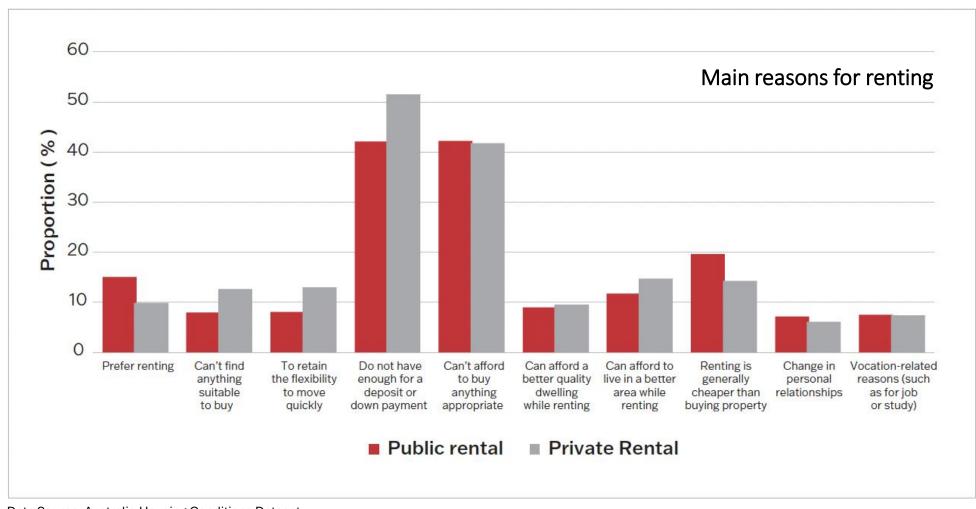
#### Proportion of renters and owners by age cohort, 2011 and 2021



Data Source: ABS Census (2011, 2021)

## Why do renters rent?

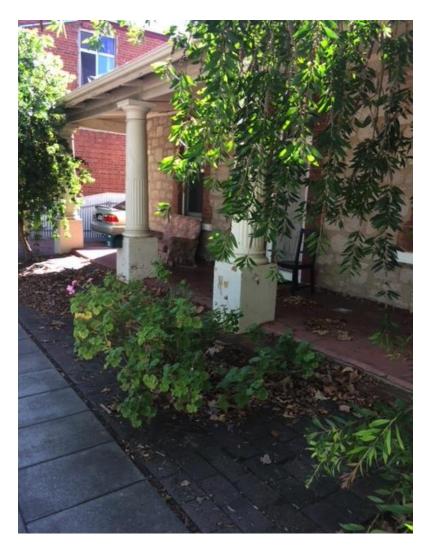




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## The 'rental sector' is far from homogenous

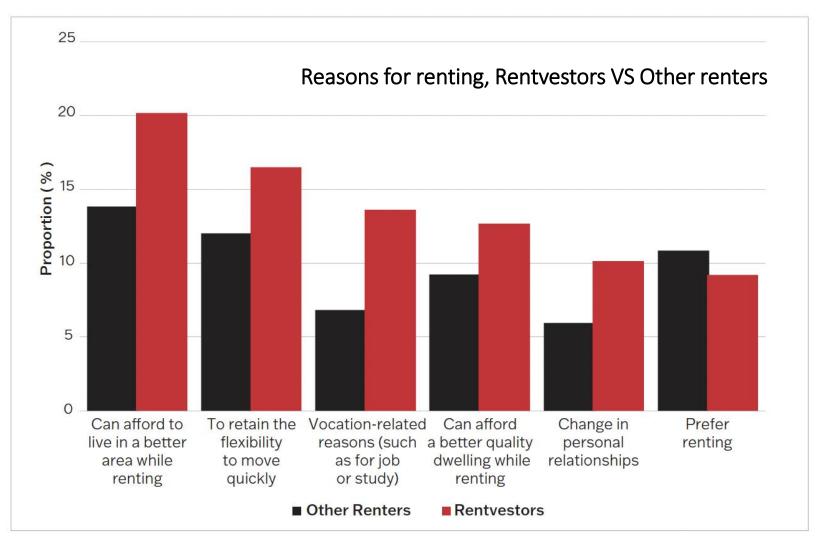




- Low-income, with high dissatisfaction + enforced high mobility
- Low-to moderate-income, with higher satisfaction and longer tenure (5+ years)
- Living in the sector while building a home
- Moderate- to high-income households renting for professional mobility
- Rentvestors ...

## The rise of rentvesting ...



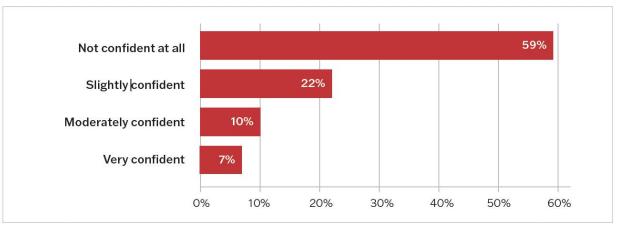


## Aspirations and expectations



- Majority of renters (78%) aspire to home ownership
- Security, quality, flexible rent or mortgage payments, and the ability to modify the dwelling
- Few renters believe that renting meets their aspirations

## 'How confident are you that you will be able to afford a home of your own?'

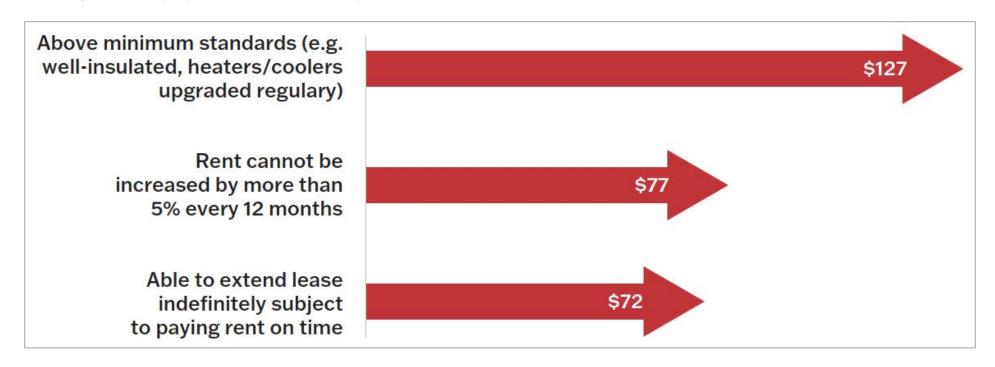


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### What do trade-offs tell us?



Willingness to pay additional weekly rent for ...





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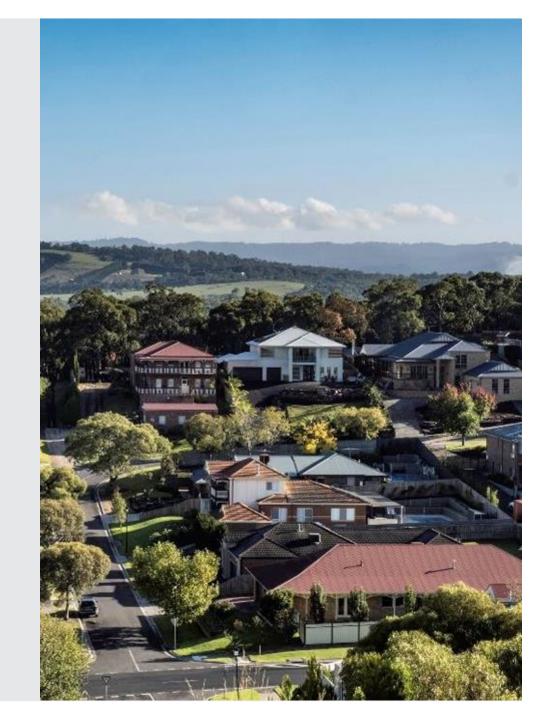
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