

HOUSING ASSOCIATION RESIDENTS ACTION

**WARNING:
IS YOUR HOME
AT RISK?**

**CONTROL RENTS AND SERVICE CHARGES
SECURE HOMES FOR ALL**

The government's HOUSING AND PLANNING ACT 2016 threatens housing association tenants' and leaseholders' rights. The Act is tearing up rules that protect residents. Housing associations are becoming like private landlords.

From 6th April 2017 housing associations can:

- Sell properties at will, even the homes we're living in
- Sell our homes to private companies
- Change their constitutions – the first step to privatisation

- Avoid having local councillors on their boards, so side-step public scrutiny
- Means-test households to increase rents where combined incomes are £31,000 (£40,000 in London)

Instead of public investment to fix the housing crisis, the government is freeing housing associations to increase rents and service charges and build out-of-reach homes for sale and rent. Housing association bosses are lobbying hard for an end to rent controls by 2020.

If you are a housing association tenant, shared owner or leaseholder, join us.

- Get involved in your local residents' association or set one up
- Help build Housing Association Resident Action (HARA), the national housing association residents' organisation
- Campaign with us for regulation of housing associations, to protect residents' rights, and repeal the 2016 Housing Act
- Fight for a publicly-funded building programme of low-cost good quality homes to rent, and together let's end the housing crisis

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