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Public housing scare campaign

A letter from Julie Macdonald and the Housing Trust Tenants' Association (HTTA) to residents in Hammond about the State Liberals' policy on public housing is a dirty scare campaign.

This letter is disgraceful as it is deliberately designed to mislead residents about the Liberal Party's policy.

Julie Macdonald, who is the Assistant Secretary of the HTTA and whose name appears at the bottom of the letter, is a member of the Labor Party.

This is nothing more than a dirty scare campaign according to Liberal for Hammond Adrian Pederick.

"Recently a number of distressed SA Housing residents have personally contacted me about a letter they received from Ms Macdonald, expressing their concerns at the claims in the letter," said Mr Pederick.

"I wish to reassure all concerned that a Marshall Liberal Government will not be forcibly removing tenants from their homes, as claimed by the HTTA.

"A Marshall Liberal Government will also not support the introduction of a bedroom tax."

Shadow Minister for Social Housing Duncan McFetridge recently reiterated the State Liberals' position on radio.

"There will be no bed tax and no-one will be forced out of their public housing." (5AA, 13 February 2014)

"What's been put around is a dirty scare campaign and I'm really disappointed that vulnerable people are being scared," said Mr Pederick.

"The State Liberals are committed to ensuring social housing is managed well and residents are supported as we strengthen and build better local communities.

"A Marshall Liberal Government will provide you and your family with a better future, and put South Australia back on track."