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Inner city rents are easing, but overall Brisbane rents are still climbing, according to latest data. Australian Property Monitors data released today shows the average asking rent for a house in Brisbane is \$360 up from \$350 in the December quarter.

But research by property analyst Rob Honeycombe shows a jump in available stock in the inner city has seen rents there ease by \$10 a week to \$420.

APM economist Matthew Bell said the big dive in interest rates had given many renters more options eventhough Brisbane, Perth and Hobart showed modest rent increases over the quarter, while Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide all remained flat.

Melbourne's median asking rent for a house is now \$350 a week, cheaper than the \$360 a week sought in Brisbane.

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