



## 7.1 Petition response - Advocacy on Short-Term Accommodation

**A Petition containing 76 signatures was received from local residents and presented to a Council Meeting on 15 March 2023.**

Council received and noted the petition and noted that a response to the petition would be provided to a future Council meeting.

### **The Petition states the following: -**

*We request that Council actively lobby and join other relevant Councils to enact fit-for-purpose State legislation including fair rights for OC ability to act, local Council oversight and suitable fees, and a VCAT system that delivers for residents not these unregulated short-stay business models that do not pay a fair share of fees and taxes.*

*There are four key policies that we would like City of Port Phillip Council to actively lobby and join other relevant Councils to enact fit-for-purpose State legislation Strata rules:*

- 1. Let owners' corporation lot owners decide if their building will have short stays. Owners should have the right to regulate short stays by enacting special rules, within a common framework. This should include the right to on-charge additional costs on a cui bono basis.*
- 2. Day cap: Limit the number of days that an apartment can be short-term let.*
- 3. Registration: So many jurisdictions around the world and in Australia already require short-stay operators to register their property, usually at the municipal level and for a cost-recovery fee. The most fundamental regulation will also help governments understand the extent of the industry.*
- 4. Penalties: Regulations only work if there are consequences for breaching those rules. The penalties must be enforceable and proportionate to the social and economic impact.*

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Thanks the petitioners for their concern and the information they have sent through.
2. Notes that Council will be presenting a motion at MAV State Council, on 19 May 2023, for "more effective and uniform State Government legislation in relation to short-stay accommodation, including AirBnB, to alleviate amenity impacts, and to consider limiting the amount of time in a given year whereby dwellings can be rented out on a short-stay basis in areas where housing availability has been identified as a particular issue."
3. Notes that, at the 4 April 2023 Council Meeting, Council resolved to request the CEO or delegate to prepare a report for Council that investigates how other Councils in Victoria and Australia regulate and manage short-stay accommodation in their municipalities. This report is to be presented to Council no later than July 2023.
4. Notes that Council will be adding some information on short stay accommodation to its website.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.