

Sandy Bay - Short-Stay Accommodation Rules - Enforcement by Council

Mr BAYLEY question to MINISTER for HOUSING, PLANNING and CONSUMER AFFAIRS

My question is from a constituent in Sandy Bay being overwhelmed by short-stay conversion in their area. It is critical for wellbeing and safety that short-stay accommodation in residential strata complexes is properly regulated and enforced. Residents are now suffering as owner occupiers following the Supreme Court's decision allowing three units in a block of four on Sandy Bay Road to operate as short stay. Issues include blocked access on a steep shared driveway, safety concerns for children, increased noise and disruption, and breaches of council-imposed rules limiting the number of guests and vehicles. The council has advised that they lack the resources to monitor and enforce these rules. This leaves residents without a recourse. No meaningful assistance has been offered from the government departments contacted. All this undermines efforts to address Tasmania's rental crisis.

Will the Tasmanian government take action to address the lack of enforcement of short-stay accommodation rules and the impact that these decisions have on owner occupiers in residential complexes?