

**Submission to Legislative Council Select Committee on Short Stay Accommodation**

In some cases owners of properties which have been designated as "short stay accommodation" by planners due to local planning rules and which have been used for some years as short stay accommodation would like their use to be changed to regular letting to house local homeless and other local families.

After some years the demands of short stay accommodation changeovers etc become too much for owners. What to do then? Leave the property empty? Preferred option is a more permanent letting as there is great local need. The income suffers but not too much as the property is let for the whole year and not just the tourist season.

We have a renovated two bedroom house 220 meters from our main house which is ideal for this and we are reluctant to leave it empty but cannot face the work involved in short term letting.

The Select Committee should recommend that local councils, at their discretion, be allowed to designate such short stay accommodation with existing properties as suitable for more extended residential letting.

A perhaps a simpler alternative for your Committee is to redefine "short stay" as meaning less than one year (or two years?).

We have also had offers from prospective tenants who are building a house in our area (Cygnet) and who would like to rent for 6-12 months. Legally we should refuse these.

With an aging population of "short stay accommodation" owners in Tasmania this will happen more and more as owners, like us, cannot face the work involved in "short stay".

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Dear Secretary,

I hope you could include this submission on the above topic. I believe this submission falls under section 1, 2 and 5 of your terms of reference.

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