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Dear Mr Bayley

I refer to your Constituency Question in relation to short stay accommodation.

Our Government has provided a fair and consistent approach to the regulation of short stay accommodation that is simple to administer and easy to enforce. Our Government's Tasmanian Planning Scheme clearly provides that, if any council has a case to support further limits on short stay accommodation, they have the option to seek to apply local restrictions with the approval of the independent Tasmanian Planning Commission.

This ensures that our Tasmanian Planning Scheme achieves the appropriate balance between supporting our visitor accommodation and tourism economy, supporting private ownership rights, and housing affordability.

In relation to compliance and enforcement, section 48 of *the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* provides that each council (as a planning authority) has a duty, within the ambit of its power, to enforce the observance of the Planning Scheme. Appropriately prioritising and resourcing this responsibility is a matter that rests entirely with each council.

However, you may be aware that the Tasmanian Government collects regular data from platforms like Airbnb on the use of properties for visitor accommodation through the *Short Stay Accommodation Act 2019*. This data is provided to all councils in Tasmania to support their compliance checks and help inform local policies on visitor accommodation.

Thank you for your Constituency Question, and for your continued interest in our planning system.

Yours sincerely

Hon Felix Ellis MP

Minister for Housing, Planning and Consumer Affairs

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