



Item 7.2 - Petition - Advocacy on Short-Term Accommodation

A Petition containing 76 signatures was received from Rocco Sorace, and presented to a Council Meeting on 8 March 2023

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. Receives and notes the petition.
2. Notes that a full response to the petition will be provided to a future Council meeting as soon as possible.