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## **Local Government Supports Key Findings of Legislative Council Select Committee Report on Short Stay Accommodation In Tasmania**

The Local Government Association of Tasmania welcomes the release of the report on short stay accommodation in Tasmania by the Legislative Council Select Committee.

LGAT President Mayor Christina Holmdahl said, “the Local Government sector has been calling for the opportunity to regulate this form of visitor accommodation for some time. Councils need the flexibility to ensure a balance between the economic and tourism needs with local liveability and housing availability and affordability”.

“We welcome Select Committee Recommendations 3 and 4 enabling Local Government to have discretion around permits for short stay accommodation as the current regulations do not enable intervention from any level of government when housing supply issues arise” Mayor Holmdahl said.

Local Government also supports the Committee’s recommendation for the development of a comprehensive data collection and analysis programs, covering both short stay accommodation and the private housing market.

Mayor Holmdahl said “comprehensive data collection is important as while the *Short Stay Accommodation Act 2019* provides a useful starting point, there is still a poor understanding of the extent to which short stay visitor accommodation is contributing to housing availability and affordability”

“If the expansion of short stay accommodation in Tasmania is not monitored and controlled, it may negatively impact neighbours and reduce housing supply, ultimately impacting on affordability” Mayor Holmdahl said.

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