

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **TAA SECURES WIN ON SHORT-STAY REGULATIONS**

Tourism Accommodation Australia (TAA) along with the Australian Hotels Association (AHA) WA have welcomed the release of a WA Parliamentary report into Short Stay Accommodation, which sets a clear road map for strong and effective regulation throughout Australia.

TAA and the AHA (WA) spearheaded efforts to deliver effective regulations through this inquiry and we commend the committee for their comprehensive investigation of this issue.

TAA National CEO Michael Johnson said once implemented, the recommendations of the report will establish a clear and effective pathway for hosted and non-hosted private accommodation providers to seek registration and licensing on a similar basis to legal, legitimate accommodation operators.

“For too long we have seen the proliferation of unregulated short-stay accommodation across Australia, however, we are now seeing a number of jurisdictions take action to regulate and bring into line short-stay accommodation platforms and the properties they list,” Mr Johnson said.

“The WA Parliamentary report contains key measures the TAA has championed over a number of years such as mandatory registration, the requirement of platforms to display a valid registration number for short-term rentals, data sharing obligations for online platforms, penalties for non-compliance and a complaints management system.

“The explosion of unregulated short-stay accommodation represents a significant threat to employment opportunities within Australia’s licensed accommodation industry – a threat that will only grow if left unaddressed.”

“We look forward to working closely with the Government and Parliamentarians to ensure the report’s recommendations are implemented in full.”

A full list of the recommendations handed down by the WA Parliament’s Economics and Industry Standing Committee is attached.

A copy of the report, *Levelling the Playing Field, Managing the impact of the rapid increase of Short-Term Rentals in Western Australia* can be found [by clicking here](#).

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