

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **TAA BACKS MOVES TO REGULATE SHORT-TERM LETTING**

Tourism Accommodation Australia NSW has welcomed moves by the State Government to implement a new regulatory framework, including a Code of Conduct, for short-term rental accommodation (STRA).

TAA NSW CEO Michael Johnson said the association had been pushing for a registration system to be implemented on short-term rentals for some time.

“TAA NSW welcomes any moves towards better regulation of short-term letting,” Mr Johnson said today.

“A registration system is a welcome first step towards creating a level playing field between the accommodation sector and the “quasi hotels” springing up due to unregulated short-term letting.

“We welcome the Government’s move to ask for community feedback on a new regulatory framework on STRA – especially the fact it would include a Mandatory Code of Conduct for the first time.

“We will be making a submission as part of the Government’s consultation process.”

Mr Johnson said TAA had no issue with mums and dads renting out spare rooms, or their homes while on holidays, but was campaigning to stop unregulated ‘quasi-hotels’ springing up in suburbs like Bondi, Coogee, Manly and the Sydney CBD.

“No matter where tourists stay, they should be able to rest assured that their accommodation adheres to minimum health and safety requirements,” he said.

“We congratulate Minister for Better Regulation Kevin Anderson on opening up a consultation process on STRA.”

It’s expected a mandatory Code of Conduct would facilitate oversight of STRA providers – including the resolution of complaints and disputes, as well as allowing for disciplinary action to be taken including the issuing of warning notices or “strikes”.

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