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Short Stay Accommodation Local Law 2025

Dear CEO

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Brisbane City Council's proposed *Short Stay Accommodation Local Law 2025* and the Short Stay Accommodation Rule (the Rule).

The Committee for Brisbane strongly appreciates the objectives of ensuring local neighbourhoods remain safe, peaceful and enjoyable for everyone, and striking the right balance between the demand for short stay accommodation and liveability in our suburbs. The Committee for Brisbane has long championed the vision for Greater Brisbane as the world's most liveable place, and this balance is a key part of that.

We commend Council on the overall intent of the proposed law, along with the inclusion of a registration system and code of conduct measures to support transparency within the STRA sector.

We also appreciate the overarching challenge facing Brisbane- and many other cities nationally and internationally- in providing affordable housing for current and future resident populations. While long-term housing supply remains of concern, the lack of alternatives for visitors and locals seeking temporary accommodation (particularly in the suburbs) reinforces the need to support the use of existing accommodation for a range of uses. This includes short stay as well as long stay rentals.

Anecdotally, many of the short stay options currently available within lower density areas are utilised by visiting family and friends, or locals transitioning between housing options. While supporting local economies, these user groups are also less likely to present the antisocial behaviours the local law seeks to address.

While cognisant of the balance Council is seeking to strike, the Committee for Brisbane is particularly concerned with two elements of the proposed local law.

The first relates to potential zoning restrictions on Short Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) in economically vital parts of the city, which includes Low-Medium Density areas. Given these areas include tourism and major-event locations- such as transport corridors and event stadiums- prohibiting STRA would have the overall effect of reducing available accommodation in Brisbane.

With over 8 million annual international and domestic visitors to Brisbane, measures to limit the supply of STRA will only challenge existing and future accommodation availability. Brisbane's existing hotel accommodation challenge has been articulated by many stakeholders. Over the last 5 years- as noted in the Committee for Brisbane's most recent *Inner City Vitality Report*- only 834 new hotel rooms have been delivered in Brisbane's inner city.¹ The 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the expected influx of 3 million visitors to our city, paired with emerging growth in Brisbane's international airline connections, will only exacerbate this challenge.

Aside from event and transport infrastructure, many Low-Medium Density parts of our city also include suburbs close to universities and hospitals, which are additional key drivers of economic growth and vitality.

The economic benefits that STRA provides for the city, including tourism spending, support to local businesses, and guest expenditure, could be reflected more strongly in the proposed law, especially in terms of STRA's effective prohibition in Low-Medium Density areas. As noted, these areas play a key part in Brisbane's overall economic vitality and STRA can continue to support and contribute to that growth, if managed appropriately.

We further understand that the proposed local law would require many current and potential STRA hosts in High and Medium-Density areas to obtain Development Approval (DA) before being eligible for a permit through Council's registration process.

Given the process, complexity and cost challenges of DA lodgement for property owners- along with the strain on resources this would create for Brisbane City Council- the Committee for Brisbane is concerned this is an additional barrier to the short stay accommodation sector, which would further result in limiting Brisbane's overall available STRA supply at a critical time for the city.

The Committee for Brisbane once again reiterates our support for the objectives of ensuring local neighbourhoods remain safe, peaceful and enjoyable, and securing the right balance between amenity and STRA. We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback.

Should you wish to discuss this submission or the work of the Committee for Brisbane further, please do not hesitate to contact me on jen@committeeforbrisbane.org.au or 0448 432 936.

Yours sincerely



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¹ Committee for Brisbane, [Inner City Vitality Report](#), 2025.