

APPENDIX 6 – CORRESPONDENCE WITH MBIE UPDATING ON WORKING GROUP ON SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION

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Sent: 24 February 2021 12:58
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Cc: Avi Shrivastava
Subject: RE: Working group on short-term accommodation [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Alison,

Thank you for your email and letting us know about the submissions you've received on the proposed plan change. Just for your information, Avi is still on secondment until next month.

The working group was established last year to analyse STRA issues to develop a better understanding of the impact of STRA on the tourism sector and housing market. This group and work programme have since been put on hold following the impact of COVID-19 on the tourism industry. We are focused on other Ministerial priorities at this time. I'm afraid we don't have anything to share publically on the progress of the work, or any timeframes for recommendations at this stage.

On a side note, depending on any delays to your process, it could be useful to engage with the RMA reform process as it could be an opportunity to align potential district plan changes. The Natural and Built Environments Act (NBA) and Strategic Planning Acts (SPA) are expected to be introduced into Parliament by the end of 2021.

Happy to get in touch if there's a change in status for the working group.

Ngā mihi
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Hi Avi and Tom,

I'm currently working on Christchurch City Council's proposed plan change on short-term accommodation (particularly Airbnb-type activities) and understand that you are leading a working group looking into this issue for MBIE. I'm working on my planning officer's report responding to a number of submissions seeking that we delay the plan change to await the outcomes of the working group including potential national directions (e.g. a National Policy Statement or National Planning Standards) for short term accommodation.

I was wondering if you could confirm:

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- the terms of reference for the working group (i.e. are you looking primarily at information sharing/registration or are you also looking at nationally consistent provisions, changes to the Building Act, etc.)?
- the membership of the working group
- what progress has been made to date that can be shared publicly
- timeframes for making any recommendations and/or the relative priority of this piece of work within the context of your work programme

If possible, I'd like to be able to update the hearings panel and elected members on the above and any implications that it may have for the timing and scope of our proposed plan change.

Kind Regards,

Alison

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