



Victorian Accommodation Industry Association

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VicAIA supports Government efforts in weeding out party pads

The Victorian Accommodation Industry Association (VicAIA) supports the announcement by Victorian Consumer Affairs Minister Jane Garrett, who acknowledged that the majority of short stay accommodation is used responsibly in Victoria.

She said the industry contributes \$792 million in revenue, more than \$160 million in wages while supporting more than 64,000 jobs in Victoria.

“The new legislation is a common sense approach and an important step towards regulatory management to ensure the responsible use of property by owners and investors in Victoria,” said Paul Salter, President of VicAIA.

“The national body, the Holiday Rental Industry Association (HRIA) has a robust national Code of Conduct, approved by the ACCC and adopted by all members of VicAIA. The Code is a self-regulatory tool to assist the industry including landlords, property managers to manage guest behaviour” Mr Salter said.

“We will continue to work with the Government and the Council to ensure the new legislation is adhered to by our members and we will actively deal with the isolated incidents of unwelcomed party pads, rogue operators and unruly behaviour.”

“This first step by the government clearly demonstrates the government is working with all parties to develop policy and legislation to keep pace with the changing ways people live, and use their homes.” said Mr Salter.

“The Victorian Government is leading Australia in understanding the value of the sharing economy and the long term benefits of platforms such as Airbnb, Uber and the others to follow.”

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