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Sent: Thursday, 8 January 2026 3:59 PM
To: Taxpolicy Advice
Subject: Submission on Short Stay Levy Bill 2025 — Opposition to Proposed Levy

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Dear Department of Treasury and Finance,

I am writing to provide feedback on the *Short Stay Levy Bill 2025* consultation. While I appreciate the Government’s intention to support first home buyers, I do **not agree with the proposed 5 per cent short stay accommodation levy** in its current form.

I am concerned that the levy could have unintended negative impacts on Tasmania’s tourism sector, which many stakeholders have already highlighted as an issue. Industry representatives — including the Tourism Industry Council of Tasmania and accommodation operators — have criticised the levy as poorly timed, rushed and lacking in thorough consultation with the tourism community, particularly given the importance of short-stay bookings to regional economies and local businesses. [Herald Sun](#)

Additionally, industry feedback suggests that while the levy is framed as a 5 per cent charge, the real cost passed on to travellers could be higher once booking platform fees and service charges are included, which may further discourage visitation. [Tasmanian Times](#)

For these reasons, I do not support the introduction of the levy as currently proposed and encourage further engagement with tourism and accommodation stakeholders to explore alternative approaches to funding housing initiatives without placing additional burdens on travellers or the visitor economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Warm Regards,

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