



Queenstown Airbnb Hosts
Recommendations for Jim Boulton
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The current issue for QLDC and Airbnb is the BALANCE between healthy tourism and owners' rights.

QLDC should remain competitive with other regional governments (NSW, VIC, QLD, AKL). Airbnb must meet the needs of the market.

We propose that no resource consent/rates increase be required for owners if:

- The owner is present 365 days a year
- The owner is absent 180 days a year
- A 10pm noise curfew is maintained
- There is a two-car guest maximum per property
- Strata buildings adopt their own special resolutions
- No more than eight guests are allowed per booking
- No guest buses carrying over eight persons are allowed
- Superhosts are recognized by QLDC/DQ as valued tourism ambassadors

Nobody wants to kill the golden goose or turn the clock back. Queenstown must move forward in a way that makes NZ appear progressive to overseas guests.

QLDC should remember that Queenstown is simply a stop on the tourism circuit. Many of our guests transit through places like Sydney where new Airbnb laws are consistent with the above suggestions.

Owners **ALREADY** pay income tax on their guest revenue. A reduced booking calendar is just another form of taxation for hosts.

How is an Airbnb host different from someone who plays the stock market at home? Both earn revenue but only one is penalised(!)

The average Airbnb stay is 3.2 nights. Will new legislation reflect this?