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Subject:

Dear Jacqueline,

Comment on matter No. 79 - Review of the Health Act 1958

The current Health Act provisions do not appropriately address the public health risks of Prescribed Accommodation premises. Currently, Prescribed Accommodation registration can be renewed annually without an inspection of the premises by Council's Environmental Health Officers - in fact, without any inspection at all.

Many Councils in Victoria renew annual Prescribed Accommodation registration without inspecting the premises. Sometimes premises are never inspected other than the initial inspection for the initial registration.

Accordingly, some premises that would have initially met the requirements for registration as Prescribed Accommodation continue to be registered even though they often no longer meet the requirements - particularly in regards to overcrowding and shower/toilet to occupant ratios.

Submitting to and passing an annual (at minimum) inspection by the relevant Council's Environmental Health Officers should be a prerequisite for renewal of registration of Prescribed Accommodation premises.

Yours sincerely,

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