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### IS 2026 THE YEAR NEW ZEALAND COUNCILS CRACK DOWN ON AIRBNB OPERATORS?

This article reports that Christchurch is trying to ensure that Airbnb operators pay higher rates and abide by the rules and regulations set out. The article lays out the rules for running an Airbnb in New Zealand, questions whether they are actually enforced by councils and looks at the treatment of Airbnbs in other locations to find best practice.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Is 2026 the year New Zealand councils crack down on Airbnb operators? | The Spinoff](#)