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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](#)

NEW PROPERTY VALUATIONS

This article provides commentary on Christchurch City Council's new property tax assessments following the 3-yearly revaluation. The article looks at the increases that are expected in the various classes of property, who was responsible for carrying out the revaluation and the local government functions that will be funded by property taxes.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[New property valuations - Metropol](#)