

Dear Sir John

When you asked me if I knew of any similar requirements in other areas for affordable housing close to conference centres I was a bit lost for an example.

But upon reflection I have a very good example from our own district plan in the 70's.
Our district plan in the 70s required hotels to provide worker accommodation.

My first introduction to Queenstown was a summer holiday job as a chambermaid in 1978 where I worked at the Travelodge- then the very hotel where the hearing is being held.

I was accommodated in property owned/leased by the company and now known as A1 motels. We were three girls who shared a room and the accommodation was subsidized by the hotel.

When the requirement was removed hotels promptly sold off and profited from the sale of these worker properties .

I would contend that hotels and conference centre are interchangeable identities- in that they are employers of low pay workers like I was at the time. (but very happy to be in Queenstown!)

Of course the ensuing result is that we continue to be faced with the same problem but it has been offloaded to the community and not the perpetrators of the problem.

Kind regards
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