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Accommodation

Booking.com axes listing with lightbulb spy camera

Booking.com has removed from its website a listing for a West Auckland property where a hidden camera was found in a lightbulb. It was discovered by a bridesmaid and a wedding photographer, who saw the bulb had a black dot in the middle. Inside they found a camera and a microphone. Booking.com said it had removed the listing until it had the results of an investigation, and had “refunded this customer in full”. The property’s owner, a former real estate salesman, has been approached for comment. Privacy expert Gehan Nilendra Gunasekara said landlords who installed spy cameras could be tried in criminal and civil courts, depending on the offence’s severity.