Submission No 79

## ADEQUACY OF THE REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM HOLIDAY LETTING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Lindy Corrie

Dear Sir/Madam

## Re: Adequacy of the regulation of short-term holiday letting in New South Wales (Inquiry)

Having kept our boat on Pittwater for several years we were well aware of the lack of accommodation in the area. Recently we moved to Pittwater and the property we purchased had a small separate cottage on the block with stunning views of this beautiful part of the world. My husband and I had used Air Bnb when travelling and thought this cottage would be perfect for short term accommodation.

To enable people to experience the area in which we live and, of course, to increase our income, we decided to look into short term rental. We chose Air Bnb as it has exceptionally good systems and cross checking in place to ensure compliance and safety of both the host and the guest.

We have had our cottage available for short term rental now for the past 12 months and can only recommend this as a viable option for accommodation services. We have had a wonderful variety of people staying with us, many coming from Sydney who have never experienced the Pittwater area, and we have not experienced any trouble at all.

In short, Air Bnb (short term managed rental) allows:

- us to share our beautiful area as a support for tourism to the area
- provide extra accommodation in an area desperately short of accommodation
- promote Pittwater and Sydney as a tourist/holiday destination through personalised reviews based on visits
- Increased expenditure with local businesses as more people visit our area
- a well managed short term rental system to support and protect both the host and guest

We trust the outcome from the inquiry will determine the value of well managed short term rental and will put paid to the concerns some people seem to currently have in this area.

