Submission No 21

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

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Sir/Madam

I understand that an Inquiry is in train.

I wish to register a strong objection to the airbnb method of letting. It is completely unregulated and has caused all sorts of disruption to otherwise quiet residential areas.

Living in strata has quite enough problems arising as a result of people living fairly close together. The letting of an entire unit in the building to what is more often than not a party weekend for footy fans, bucks parties and unfortunately, generally irresponsible people out for a good time, causing noise and disruption while they are there for a very short period can and does cause undesirable outcomes. No care very often and no responsibility.

The current situation where, without any regulation or control whatsoever, selfish and absent irresponsible owners can pocket cash flow at the expense of their neighbours is completely unacceptable. Noise is the biggest bugbear where neighbours trying to do the right thing and enjoy a peaceful home-life can have their lives disrupted. Complaints lead to inevitable arguments. If the problems continue without adequate recourse then this can obviously lead to reaction, which nobody wants to see.

Residential apartments are people's homes and they are entitled to peaceful and quiet enjoyment.

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