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Subject: A Lifelong Hobart Resident's Submission on Draft Amendment PSA-25-3 HOB-S11.0 Hobart Visitor Accommodation Specific Area Plan
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Dear Hobart City Council,

My name is Tim Gourlay, and I have lived in Greater Hobart for many decades. I raised my family here and have watched our city change from a quiet regional community into Tasmania's gateway for visitors from around Australia and overseas.

I respectfully oppose the proposed restrictions on future whole-home short stay accommodation.

Over the decades I have seen tourism become one of Hobart's greatest strengths. Events such as Dark Mofo, the Taste of Summer, the Wooden Boat Festival and the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race bring life to our city and support thousands of local jobs. Visitors do not simply need a place to sleep—they eat in our restaurants, buy from local shops, visit our attractions and help many small businesses survive, particularly outside the peak summer season.

In my experience, short stay accommodation also serves people who are not traditional holidaymakers. Families visiting loved ones, people attending medical appointments, parents coming for university graduations, and those staying during community events all benefit from having more accommodation choices.

Like many residents, I want to see housing become more affordable. However, I do not believe reducing accommodation options for visitors is the right answer to a much more complex issue. I hope Council will continue looking for broader housing solutions while protecting an industry that has helped Hobart grow and prosper over many years.

As someone who has spent a lifetime in this city, I want future generations to enjoy a vibrant Hobart with a strong tourism economy alongside a healthy residential community.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Gourlay