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To: [Representation](#)
Subject: Opposition to the Proposed Ban on Short Stay Accommodation in Hobart
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Dear Hobart City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed restrictions on short stay accommodation such as Airbnb.

As someone who works in the tourism industry at YHA Hobart Central, I have seen firsthand the impact that accommodation shortages have on visitors to Hobart. During the summer months and major events, accommodation across the city regularly reaches full capacity. On multiple occasions, I have witnessed travellers arrive with nowhere to stay and ultimately be forced to sleep on the streets because every hostel, hotel, and motel was fully booked.

Short stay accommodation fills a need that traditional accommodation simply cannot meet. It provides additional capacity during peak periods, allowing Hobart to welcome the number of visitors that Tasmania depends on. Limiting these properties will not reduce demand for travel. Instead, it will reduce Hobart's ability to accommodate visitors, discouraging tourism and impacting local businesses that rely on the spending of tourists throughout the year.

It is also important to recognise that many local residents rely on income from short stay accommodation to help cover mortgages, rising living costs, and household expenses. For many families, this is not a luxury but an essential source of income.

Beyond tourism, short stay accommodation serves important community needs. Hosts provide accommodation for people travelling for medical treatment, families displaced by insurance claims or emergencies, visiting relatives, and workers or attendees during major events when hotels are already at capacity.

Rather than introducing broad restrictions, I encourage the Council to consider more balanced solutions that address housing concerns while preserving the benefits that short stay accommodation provides to residents, visitors, and the local economy.

Tourism is one of Tasmania's most important industries. We should be finding ways to support sustainable growth while ensuring there is sufficient accommodation for everyone who needs it.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my views. I hope the Council will carefully consider the broader impacts this proposal could have on tourism, local businesses, residents, and Hobart's reputation as a welcoming destination.

Kind regards,

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