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To: Taxpolicy Advice
Subject: Short Stay Tax submission

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a small "mum and dad" short-stay accommodation provider who hosts visitors within my own home in Tasmania. I wish to express my objection to the proposed 5% levy on short-stay accommodation.

The stated intent of the bill is to improve housing affordability and availability for Tasmanians. However, applying this levy only to short-stay accommodation providers such as myself will not meaningfully address the shortage of long-term housing. Instead, it appears to unfairly target small community participants in the tourism sector, while leaving other forms of tourist accommodation unaffected.

If the Government's objective is fairness and genuine housing reform, then the levy should apply consistently across all forms of tourist accommodation, including hotels, caravan parks, and similar providers. To single out one segment creates a clear imbalance and confers a competitive advantage on larger, established operators, including those represented by bodies such as the Tasmanian Hospitality Association.

There are already reasonable measures in place to manage housing impacts. For example, the Hobart City Council has increased rates and introduced permit requirements for whole-property short-stay accommodation. Such approaches appropriately distinguish between commercial operators and residents who occasionally host guests in their own homes.

Hosting visitors in one's home provides a more personal, authentic Tasmanian experience and supports local communities. Penalising these small-scale providers, while exempting larger commercial accommodation businesses, is inequitable and does not meet the community's expectation of fairness.

I therefore object to the proposed levy in its current form. If a levy is to be introduced, it should apply uniformly across all forms of tourist accommodation, or not at all.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely

Karin Petrie