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Hi,

My wife and I have an abnb house in Launceston of which we borrowed money to buy, renovate and eventually have available for abnb (one abnb)!! We provide a service in Ltn which fills a gap were the hotels and motels cannot provide for....During the recent Foo Fighters concert visitors were booking accommodation as far away as Devonport due to the lack of hotel's etc.!!! in Launceston.

Why penalise small business owners. By penalising abnb owners will not change their minds and convert these houses to rental properties. It is the government's responsibility to provide affordable housing. If I converted my property to rental it would not fit into the category of 'affordable housing'. Let the free market determine and let property owners make a decision on what they do with their properties. We will have the new spirits on line this year, a couple of years after the stadium...we need accommodation for tourism!!

I oppose the tax vehemently.

Regards,

Paul & Kath Hawkins