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Subject: Proposed short-stay levy in Tasmania

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I am writing to express my concern about the proposed 5% short-stay accommodation levy. As a young Tasmanian, a taxpayer, and someone working hard to support my family, I feel this levy unfairly targets people like me who are simply trying to stay afloat.

I work, I pay tax, and I already pay additional levies to my council for operating an Airbnb through my rates. The income from hosting is not extra cash or profit — it is what makes it possible to maintain the property. Renting the home out long-term would not come close to covering the outgoings required to keep it in good condition. Airbnb income fills that gap and allows us to meet our financial obligations without falling behind.

Like many young families, we have a mortgage, and the banks have had no hesitation increasing interest rates. Every rise hits us directly. We are doing everything we can to keep our heads above water, and hosting short-stay accommodation is one of the few tools we have to make our situation manageable.

A levy like this makes it harder for young Tasmanians to get ahead. It adds yet another cost at a time when wages are not keeping up with living expenses, and when families like mine are already stretched. Instead of supporting young people who are working hard and contributing to the economy, this proposal risks pushing us backwards.

Airbnb also brings visitors into our community who spend money locally — at cafés, restaurants, shops, and attractions. That benefits small businesses and helps keep regional areas vibrant. Penalising hosts will only reduce visitation and harm the local economy.

All I am asking for is a fair go. Young Tasmanians are doing everything right: we work, we pay tax, we pay our rates, we comply with council requirements, and we contribute to our communities. Adding another levy on top of all this feels like yet another barrier for people who are already carrying a heavy load.

I urge the Government to reconsider the impact this levy will have on young families and working Tasmanians. We need policies that support us, not ones that make it harder to build a secure future. I would hate to see Tasmania end up as ‘last one out ... turn off the lights’

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely,
Chris