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Subject: Short stay levy

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To whom it may concern,

I am concerned about the short stay levy as it is unfairly targeting a small sector of our tourism industry.

Most owners of short stay accommodation venues are small time Mum and Dad investors like me with only one property. Airbnb, for example already charge the consumer an 18% fee, plus a cleaning fee. Adding an additional 5% may deter some tourists as well as locals who just want a short break away. Short stay platforms bring much needed accommodation to areas where there is limited accommodation. For example, in Orford there is only the Bue Waters Hotel, the East Coaster Resort and a small number of B&B's. Short stay accommodation has also brought additional customers to these as well as to the local IGA, restaurants, and cafes.

Why so unfairly target such a small sector, levies could be considered elsewhere, such as the ambulance service, large fast-food outlets, festivals, tobacco shops, pokie venues or an airport tax for visitors to the state.

Regards,
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