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Subject: PROPOSED SHORT STAY ACCOMMODATION LEVY IN TASMANIA

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1. I understand the Tasmanian Government has committed to support consistent statewide rules. The Hobart City Council charges property owners of short stay accommodation double the rates for that property. Does this additional charge go towards first home buyers? No it does not - it goes directly into the Council's coffers.
 2. Hobart City Council has wanted to restrict short stay accommodation for over three years yet it has just approved a development on the old TasTV site in New Town that includes 38 short stay accommodation apartments. 38!
 3. I understand it is proposed to introduce a 5% levy on 1 July 2026. This is far too early and could harm tourism to this State. This levy has the potential to impact earnings on short stay operators as visitors could easily bypass Tasmania and stay on the mainland. It will have a direct flow on effect to tourism generally.
 4. I am a self funded retiree. The income I receive currently from my short stay accommodation assists me greatly. Should a 5% levy be imposed on visitors to the State, bookings will probably be drop, causing financial strain.

Please reconsider this levy.

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