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This is just another slap in the face of people trying to make ends meet and also providing some wonderful experiences in places that are exciting and special to stay.

It is discrimination that levies are not forced on hotel, motels etc who seem to be protected.

Accommodation when travelling is one thing but travelling with the desire to have a wonderful experience, whether that be staying in my iconic cottage in Arthur Circus, staying on a property on Brunie Island, at a beach area of Tasmania or a rural property where short stay accommodation offers a unique and fun experience of seeing parts of Tasmania that are not available without the offers of short term accommodation.

My cottage is my second home, as I reside in Sydney but spend as much time as possible in Hobart. I now could not afford to keep and maintain this 1848 cottage in Battery Point without short stay accommodation as my land tax bill is \$12,000 a year, I now pay double rates which Hobart council imposed on all short stay permit holders recently and with water rates that totals \$20,000 a year without any electricity or other services. I have owned this cottage for 20 years and have recently made expensive updates and renovations bringing back as much of the heritage of the cottage as possible.

Without supporting this improvement to an iconic part of Hobart I am instead being priced out of owning and enjoying my cottage. This also applies to other Tasmanians who own shacks and now have to short stay them just to be able to survive.

My cottage would never be just a rental property as is the situation with many other hosts as many of us use these properties for our own use and need to subsidise being able to do that now that we are taxed to the eye balls.

Please consider what is contributed to tourism by hosts who work hard to provide some fantastic experiences for travellers to Hobart. This is a boost to the tourism industry and also provide more income for cafes, restaurants, especially those in areas where there are no hotels or motels. Hosts employ cleaners, maintenance workers and so much more.

Please do not add a levy that will just make coming to Tasmania and enjoying a holiday experience more expensive. Tourist will choose other destinations if Tasmania just become more expensive and we will all lose out.

Double rate and now a 5% levy is far too much for many hosts to manage and this will not boost the number of rental properties but it will take away the advantage of holidaying and spending money in Tasmania, which is the best place to experience so much.

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