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Economics & Industry Standing Committee  
 Legislative Assembly  
 Parliament House, Harvest Terrace,  
 PERTH, WA, 6000.

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Dear Sirs/Madames,

It is with strong convictions, that I voice my concerns over the fear mongering & mis-reporting going on in the media, RE: AIRBNB. Yes, it should be tightly regulated - by local authority, that is the shire or council the AIRBNB property, is located. We used to have boarders. They had their own furniture & paid, as rent/board & a share of the bills. Our boarders moved out & left the rooms bare. Rather than get new boarders & have someone live with us ALL THE TIME, we elected to not get as much money & rent our rooms occasionally.

As a host of 40 years standing, I realised that we had to do it properly. Being in hospitality for so long, we made our 2 back bedrooms into the equivalent of hotel rooms. We installed plantation shutters, luggage racks, coffee & tea making facilities, 2 bar fridges, bedside tables & lamps, 2 new queen sized beds, mattresses, & all the associated Manchester, towels, flannels & bedside lamps, etc.

2) We then hired a locksmith to put individual locks on all doors & a coded entry lock, so we do not have to hand out keys. After we had all this done, we then went to our local council & applied to run a home business. To far, we had spent nearly \$5,000 & the council application cost nearly \$300 & took 3 weeks.

THEN, we applied to become Airbnb hosts. We have a 5★ rating, are reasonably priced (<\$50 night) and also supply a breakfast of either freshly made bread (+ toast) or cereal & either fresh coffee or tea. We both did the HACCP food safety course the council set out & passed that. Unnecessary really, as no real hot food is served for profit on the premises, but we did it to comply with the council's wishes.

Up until now, we've hosted 41 times. Stays range from a few nights to up a week or more. All our guests have been happy & many have returned to stay again. All monies earned through AIRBNB are taxable & I submit them each year to my accountant. The ATO sees it & I pay tax on all monies earned.

I feel that there is a genuine place for people like us, that have been straight-forward with the local council & the ATO.

3) So in conclusion, I (well my wife + I) would  
say to big hotels + the like - make room for AIRBNB!!

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- Yes, it should be regulated + all AIRBNB's should be  
council approved.

- Adequate parking for guests should be mandatory  
- Highrise + Apartment complexes should only be "share-let",  
not the whole apartment, as security issues arise.

Thankyou for Receiving my Submission

Yours Sincerely

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