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To: Committee, Economics & Industry Standing

Subject: Airbnb

Dear parliamentary committee,

My submission is probably too late, unfortunately, But I wanted to have my say!

Jacqueline Lang is my name, of \_\_\_\_\_, WA.

As a member of the public who uses AIRBNB, both as a guest and as a host, I want to say, it's positive for all of us, just as Uber has made catching transport more affordable and forced the taxi industry to lift its game and become more competitive.

I pay tax on all money made on the place I own and rent out in Tasmania; as a result more people are coming to the area and using the shops and cafes and local businesses. I am employing locals for trade work and cleaning.

Here in Cottesloe, WA, I don't rent out my home, but the next door neighbours AIRBNBd for a while, and the guests were quiet and respectful.

Everybody wins as the public get more choice of affordable accomodation. Cleaners and agents get jobs. Tax is paid by everyone who uses the service. So many people on low income now have a way of becoming or remaining self sufficient and thus not reliable on the government for income.

It would not work to insist that people can only rent out their property on Airbnb if they are living in itt. A lot of people do not want the host lurking on the premises and freaking them out.

Al this fuss is a cynical effort by the hospitality industry which resents having real competition. That's life! I'm a journalist and my industry is dying, thanks to the internet. I adapt, and thankfully using Airbnb has helped me to do so.

Please see this for what it is and remember the Australian people at large are benefiting enormously from having short term stay options like AIRBNB.

We should be entitled to have freedom of choice.

Sincerely

Jacqueline Lang