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**Subject:** FW: Short stay holiday accommodation regulations- BNB sub number 258

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**To:** Committee, Economics & Industry Standing

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As the owners of a family holiday home which we also have registered with Stayz.com as short term accommodation, I write to emphasize the importance of the availability of this type of accommodation in the south west.

Our house is situated in Busselton close to the Jetty and offers a warm, practical and secure home environment to families with small children and pets

Some 57% of West Australians own pets and many of those households do not like to kennel their pets, preferring to take them with them on their family holidays. Kennelling is a significant cost and impost on families when they want to take a break. Kennels quite often can not meet the demand at peak holiday periods and many families are left without any alternative but to take their pets with them or miss out on planned holidays.

The south west area is the premier destination for many Western Australians. Going 'down south' is part of our culture.

If the proposed restrictive regulations of the short term accommodation industry, are made law and families are not able to source short term home style accommodation, in particular, those homes geared for small children and animals, then this will cause great frustration and displeasure from many West Australians.

We urge you to make sure short term accommodation for families is not compromised or restricted in proposed changes.

Kind regards

Rod & Margaret Lewis