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Inquiry into short-term holiday letting under way

A parliamentary inquiry into the adequacy of the regulation of short-term holiday letting in NSW is under way, East Hills MP Glenn Brookes, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Planning, said today.

“The Committee is calling for public submissions on short-term holiday letting and how it can be better regulated for the benefit of owners, neighbours, the tourism industry and the state economy,” Mr Brookes said.

The inquiry is investigating how short-term holiday letting is currently managed in NSW and comparing it with what happens in other states and overseas.

“We are particularly interested in the growth of the sharing economy,” Mr Brookes said, “and how online platforms like Airbnb and Stayz are changing the way people book their holidays and rent out their homes.”

Mr Brookes said the inquiry is examining the impacts of current practices on the holiday accommodation market and whether aspects like customer safety, neighbourhood amenity and land use approval need to be addressed through better regulation.

“We need to make sure that any new regulation of short-term holiday letting delivers better outcomes for everyone involved, as well as ensuring that local economies continue to grow,” Mr Brookes said.

The closing date for submissions to the inquiry is Monday, 9 November 2015.

Further information about the inquiry can be obtained by visiting the Committee’s website at: <http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/environmentandplanning>.

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Terms of reference for an inquiry into the adequacy of the regulation of short-term holiday letting in NSW

That the Committee inquire into and report on the adequacy of the regulation of short-term holiday letting in NSW, with particular reference to:

- a) The current situation in NSW and comparison with other jurisdictions
- b) The differences between traditional accommodation providers and online platforms
- c) The growth of short-term and online letting, and the changing character of the market
- d) The economic impacts of short-term letting on local and the state economies
- e) Regulatory issues posed by short-term letting including customer safety, land use planning and neighbourhood amenity, and licensing and taxation
- f) Any other related matters.