



MEDIA RELEASE

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Inquiry into short-term holiday letting to hear evidence at Tweed Heads

The parliamentary inquiry into the adequacy of the regulation of short-term holiday letting in NSW will hold a public hearing in Tweed Heads on Monday 7 March 2016, East Hills MP Glenn Brookes, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Planning, announced today.

“The Committee received 210 submissions to our inquiry 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.

Around one fifth of all the submissions received by the Committee were from residents and businesses in the Tweed and Byron Council areas.

“Short-term holiday letting and its impact on local economies and communities is obviously a hot button issue on the Far North Coast,” Mr Brookes said, “which is why the Committee and I have made it a priority to hold a public hearing in Tweed Heads and hear from local people about the issues which concern them.”

The public hearing will be held in the Opals Room, Tweed Heads Bowls Club starting at 10.45am on Monday 7 March.

“The Committee will meet again at Parliament House in Sydney on Monday 14 March to hear further evidence from community and industry stakeholders including the NSW Government,” Mr Brookes said.

The Committee hopes to be able to table their report and any recommendations to Government for better managing short-term holiday letting, by mid-year.

“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.

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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Inquiry into the adequacy of the regulation of short-term holiday letting in New South Wales

Monday 7 March 2016

Opals Room, Tweed Heads Bowls Club

Time	Witness	Position and organisation
10.45am	Mr Vince Connell	Director Planning & Regulation Tweed Shire Council
	Mr Iain Lonsdale	Coordinator Strategic Planning and Urban Design Tweed Shire Council
11.30am	Mr Grant Hawkins	Partner, Byron Bay Accom
	Mr John Gudgeon	President, Holiday Letting Organisation Byron
12.15pm	Break	
12.45pm	Mr Chris Larkin	Major Projects Planner Byron Shire Council
	Ms Sharyn French	Manager Economic & Environment Planning Byron Shire Council
1.30pm	Mr Bill Tatchell	Chief Executive Officer Destination Tweed Inc
	Mr John Murray	Regional Manager, Northern Rivers NSW Business Chamber
	Mr Paul McMahon	Principal LJ Hooker Kingscliff
2.15pm	Break	
2.30pm	Mr Doug Luke	Secretary Victims of Holiday Letting
	Mr Tom Tabart	Resident
	Mr Don Maughan	Resident
3.30pm	Finish public hearing	

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