

Submission

No 11

INQUIRY INTO INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ACCOMMODATION IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The Committee Manager

Social Policy Committee

Parliament House

Macquarie Street

SYDNEY NSW 2000

Re: ILLEGAL BOARDING HOUSES

We have lived at the above address for 40 years and are concerned at the progressive deterioration of our neighbourhood over that period of time. One of the main factors contributing to this deterioration is the marked rise in the number of illegal boarding houses which have sprung up in our neighbourhood.

These boarding houses are easy to spot due to the unkempt and often rubbish-strewn nature of their front yards, the dilapidated state of the residence building itself, the frequent presence of abandoned shopping trolleys and the comings and goings of international students at all hours of the day and night.

It is difficult to see how such boarding houses could possibly pass even the most cursory inspection by a Health or Building Inspector.

Not only do these boarding houses lower the general tone of the neighbourhood and, inevitably, the values of adjacent and nearby properties, but they also overload municipal services such as water and sewerage, and the availability of on-street parking. They also cause loss of amenity for long-term residents, who have made the area such a good place to live, by virtue of the presence of noisy groups of international students in the streets late at night.

We urge the Government and the Ryde Council to do all in its power to eliminate illegal boarding houses in the Ryde area.

