

**Submission
No 147**

ADEQUACY OF THE REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM HOLIDAY LETTING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Legislative Committee on Environment & Planning
Parliament of NSW
Macquarie Street
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Dear Sir/Madam

Submission in respect of the Inquiry into the adequacy of the regulation of short term holiday letting in NSW

I refer to the above inquiry and lodge a submission in respect specifically of home hire activities that occur within Bathurst during the V8 and 24 Hour car racing events.

Motor racing events at Mt Panorama generate in excess of \$300 million per annum into the local economy.

As a consequence of these events, short term visitor accommodation during the major events (10 to 14 days) is at a premium. Home hire activities are critical to ensure adequate short term accommodation is available.

It is estimated up to some 400 private homes are sublet by their permanent residents to visitors during motor racing events for up to 14 days. These houses are sublet either by their owners or by private companies on behalf of the owners.

The existing arrangements work well with no regulation (approval process) by local government. Any proposal to increase regulation of home hire activities and in particular to introduce a requirement to seek development consent from Council is not supported. Such change would likely reduce the number of temporary accommodation providers during these key race events. This would have a serious economic impact on racing activities at Mt Panorama.

Please contact me if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully



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