

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

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Thank you for your consideration

We were in Spain, enjoying my retirement trip and needing a single night's accommodation in Malaga. Our daughter living in New York had told us about Airbnb so we jumped on the net and found a room in an apartment right in the old town. Our hostess actually moved out for the night as her other room had a Swedish couple already there. She happily provided us with sightseeing information and recommended eating places nearby.

This initiation to AirBnB represented everything I like about what I do now. Cheap, convenient, friendly and an interested insider's local knowledge.

With Airbnb, we experience the satisfaction of meeting people from all over the world. In return, we share our knowledge of our town, its sights, beaches, cafes and restaurants. We offer suggestions for local attractions and heavily promote Mogo zoo and its endangered species breeding program.

We have an empty nest in a beautiful position. Our guests have the run of the house, unlike a motel where they have a room and TV. As well we are happy to have pets stay which makes travel choices easier for a lot of people.

The room that my grandchildren use in holidays now helps people travel in comfort and brings revenue to local businesses.

Many of our guests travel AirBnB by preference and our travel distance from Sydney and Canberra is ideal as a journey break.

As retirees the small income has also allowed us to travel in Australia but we mostly use a campertrailer. We AirBnB when we have a short break away from home and no friends in the area.

AirBnb hosting allows us to enjoy the company of people we would never meet otherwise and to share in their travel experiences as well as learning about their home spaces also.

Its a win-win-win situation for us, for our guests and for the local economy.

We welcome this inquiry in the hope that it will ensure clearer regulations that will protect home sharing.

Regards

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