

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

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To Whom It May Concern

SHORT-TERM TOURISM IN NSW - REGULATIONS

Dear Sir Or Madam,

Ten years ago, after a divorce, I sold the family home on the beaches and bought a city apartment in Darlinghurst where I live alone. I love the proximity to the city culture (Art Gallery, museums etc) shopping, Rushcutters Bay, coffee shops and I don't feel isolated in this buzzy area. But the disadvantages are the high body corporate fees and rates, plus as I'm nearing the end of my working life my earning capacity is considerably less than 20 years ago. Coupled with this, my age leaves me with more time to travel but less money to spend.

So in the past when I've done long trips back home to the UK (3 months or so) I've rented my apartment through airbnb. My guests have been couples with adult children living in Sydney, who are in the same position as me, that is that is wanting to spend a long holiday in a foreign city without the preclusively expensive price tag of staying in a hotel for that length of time.

To me using airbnb is a win/win. I get to go back to England with a bit of cash to spend, they get to visit Sydney, also with a bit of cash to spend as their own home is also rented though airbnb and Sydney City gets an additional 2 tourists to add to the coffers and spread the word about our wonderful city.

I would like to continue to rent my apartment in this manner, but I'm concerned that the law will prevent me from doing so. I really think that Sydney should open up and join the other forward-thinking cities of the world by legalising this new and growing area of tourism.

Kind regards,

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