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HOLIDAY LETTING IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Good morning,

I would like to add my experience as an Airbnb host and traveller to the parliamentary enquiry on Airbnb

I would like the Airbnb model to continue, as it is a wonderful service! It is a great way for travellers to travel a little more cheaply than otherwise possible, and to also feel that they "belong" in the town/city/district they are visiting.

The relationship between host and guest is intrinsic in this, and it is the source of many very rewarding relationships, where providing hospitality and receiving hospitality is key. That is, it's not just about the premises which you stay in, or let out: It's the relationships that develop, because of making efforts to make guests welcome.

Speaking on a personal basis, I'm a woman in my late sixties, who has divorced late in life, leaving me with a need to continue to service a mortgage, and to provide for my superannuation. I still work, but need the extra income I receive from having Airbnb guests in my two bedroom apartment in Mosman to help with the mortgage payments, alongside my salary. My alternative is to move out of the area that I've lived in my whole life.

Airbnb is a friendly, and positive service that is helping me and many other Australians "stay put" in their chosen districts. Its proliferation is a sign of the times, and part of the many benefits of a socially networked world. I always use Airbnb when I'm travelling, and I'm very proud that my small apartment in Mosman has been home from home for many guests now.

Thank you.

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