

# THE SECRETARY

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SELECT COMMITTEE – SHORT STAY ACCOMODATION IN TASMANIA

I would like to voice a few things regarding the possible clamp down on short stay accommodation.

Living on the North West Coast is certainly not a bad thing, but it does seem to me that we mostly play second fiddle to our larger southern cities in Launceston and Hobart.

There is always much more going on in the two bigger cities with investment and government money and as with housing things are much tighter in the south and therefore their housing capital has also risen much more than on the North West Coast.

Also, I believe that on average wages would be higher in the south.

It does seem to me that unfortunately a decision will be made to cover the whole state because of the Hobart accommodation being so tight which will have adverse effects on the much slower paced increases that we experience up north.

It does seem a shame that the rules will be made much tighter in an area like the North West Coast where the short stay accommodation is working very well, not having any effect on long term rentals.

It does seem that the big players, example – Woolworths who own the Gateway Motor Inn are trying to eliminate competition just like they do with their supermarkets and don't give any thought or concern to your average resident that's willing to have a bit of a go.

Also, to make a different rule for those that have borrowed money to buy a property to those who live in their primary residence and rent a room or two out doesn't seem fair to me.

Why on the North West Coast change something that is not broken.

I say give your average person a fair go and support those that are willing to work and help the many tourists that are coming our way.

Why bring in another Government cost, it all just seems to be greed.

Regards

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