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Evening,

Please see my below submission.
Many thanks, Lesa Whittaker

Submission to Housing Affordability

18th July 2019

To the Committee,

I currently work at Harcourts St Helens in rentals.

We have noted considerable rent increases in the past few years. Several factors include:

- shortage of rentals pushing the weekly rents up
- mainland investors purchasing & renting at inflated prices
- numerous properties converting to Air BnB, due to no regulations.

We have very limited properties available to people on low or no income.

The number of properties registering change of use (generally Air BnB) in the Break O'Day Area.

- 2017/2018 36
- 2018/2019 27

Total 63 properties, that potentially could be rental properties.

I have been working in the rental sector for the pass 10 years & my Manager Doreen the past 20 years. We would be happy to provide further information if necessary.

Many thanks,

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