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The Secretary
 Legislative Council Select Committee – Short Stay
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Dear Committee,

My wife and I purchased a small studio apartment (36 m2) near the Launceston CBD for investment. We have set it up as an Airbnb property and since February 2018 we have had 25 groups through till date, four of which were Tasmanian (16%), five International (20%) and the remaining sixteen from mainland Australia (64%). We rely on the income from this small venture. The money received, 84% of which was from outside Tasmania is put back into the local economy and we also believe it has provided tourist another alternative for accommodation in Tasmania, especially during the peak season. We use an external laundry service, external cleaning services, trades-people and our guests use local restaurants and visit local attractions. We don't believe this enterprise is depriving a family of a rental residence in Tasmania and secondly, the amount of money we could receive for it as a rental residence would probably not make this a profitable venture. We therefore respectfully request the committee to consider retaining the status quo regarding legislation around the opportunities for short stay accommodation. Being originally from Tasmania myself and and being away for 30 years and returning 3 years ago, we anecdotally believe these new services such as Airbnb are contributing to increasing Tasmania's tourist potential which in turn is benefiting the economy of Tasmania.

Yours Respectfully,

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