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The Secretary

Legislative Council Select Committee – Short Stay Accommodation in Tasmania

Legislative Council

Parliament House, HOBART 7000

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To whom it may concern:

By way of introduction, Gail and I are owners of Bay of Fires Holiday Homes and manage 14 Short Term properties on the East Coast with most based in the Bay of Fires/Binalong Bay area.

While we have been operating this business for the past 12 months, Gail has previously held the position as property manager for holiday rentals with VIEW Real Estate for over ten years.

The need for this sector to satisfy the wishes of our visitors continues to grow. While we have more traditional accommodation in St Helens in the form of hotels and motels there is little to no chance of this being replicated in Binalong Bay and as such the short term rentals have become an integral part of our tourism trade into the region and is vital to the economic stability of the entire East Coast.

The Break O'Day Council has a variety of regulations on place to ensure suitability of the properties and the safety of the visitors. We are concerned that additional state wide legislation that does little more than introduce layers of unnecessary bureaucratic complication and is designed to address the long term rental issue in the Hobart and surrounds. It is simplistic to consider that by making it more difficult for a person to rent their property to a visitor will miraculously solve the housing problems in the south of the state.

Here on the East Coast we would want to encourage owners and investors to invest in the visitor accommodation market, to share in the growing tourism industry and through this method not compromise the integrity and environmental status of our region.

We would appreciate the opportunity to expand on these matters in a verbal presentation to your committee when convenient and explore these matters in much more detail.

Yours sincerely,

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Submissions should be received by no later than close of business on **Friday, 10 August 2018.**

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