



Dear Council Member,

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I can fully appreciate the situation and understand peoples frustration of the lack of affordable housing, I for one am also effected, even running my own business I can no longer afford to live alone, so I'm having to go into a share house situation, I have a cat and dog that have had to be split up already as finding a home where both may come to have been impossible.

The real issue is bad planning by government, more housing and planning needs to have been factored in for the growing population, targeting private owners who have a holiday house in a popular destination is very harsh, the private sector shouldn't be responsible for housing the growing population.

As I see it there should be room for everyone, homes for key workers and holiday houses for tourists to visit the area.

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This policy will result in a huge loss of income for my business as I predominately look after holiday homes and I will likely have to lay off up to 10 sub-contractors, many of whom have been with the business for years.

I live here. I work here. I pay GST and huge tax each year, please consider that this policy will negatively impact me and the whole business community.

If this does go ahead, I will likely have to leave the area.

Sincerely,

Lilith Christofferson

Business owner – [REDACTED]

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kris ikstrums

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Business owner – [REDACTED]

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Fernanda Vial

Business owner – [REDACTED]

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Gary Sanderson

Business owner – [REDACTED]

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As a local business owner I do feel that this planning proposal is a direct attack on my business. This policy puts my business at risk. Families staying in STRA make up a significant portion of my customer base.

I predict this policy will result in a 25% loss of income for my business which would put a number of my staff at risk of losing their employment.

Please consider that this policy will negatively impact me, my employees and the whole business community.

Sincerely,

Brian Walshe

Business owner – [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Business owner – [REDACTED]

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Owner – 

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Cristina Arcila

Business Owner – [REDACTED]

Short-Term Rental Accommodation Planning Proposal Submission Form



Submission date: 28 October 2022, 8:51AM
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First name: Darren

Surname name: Grant

Organisation: [REDACTED]

Email:

Your comments:

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Supporting information

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Luke Schultz

Business owner – [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Business owners – [REDACTED]
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Scott and Amanda Kenyon



Byron Bay NSW 2481

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Colin Hussey
Chief Executive Officer

