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To: IPCN Enquiries Mailbox <ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: SUBMISSION: Byron Shire Short Term Rental PP

Submission in support of Byron Shire position on Short Term Rental Accommodation being limited to a maximum of 90 days for non-hosted accommodation in the Suffolk Park precinct.

Commissioners,

This submission is being presented on behalf of the Suffolk Park Progress Association (SPPA). Our organisation has been a continuous active representative of the Suffolk Park community since 1951. It is the longest running community association in the Byron Shire.

The SPPA committee supports the council proposal relating to STRA reducing it from 180 days/year to a maximum of 90 days/year for non-hosted accommodation for most of the Byron Shire, but more specifically for the Suffolk Park precinct. Further to this, our committee would support the total banning of non-hosted STRA in the Suffolk Park precinct.

The reason for this position relating to STRA in our precinct is mainly due to the devastating impact it has inflicted and will continue to do so on our community structure.

The impact of week-in/week-out changes of STRA is felt by our neighbours: the impact not only of late-night parties, but also the ongoing weekend afternoon BBQ, pool parties, bucks' parties, bridal parties, end-of-season sports parties, loud pumping music, raucous conversations, traffic etc. It goes on and on and it's not only intrusive but also intimidating to neighbours.

Unhosted STRA is effectively removing the availability of long-term rental accommodation for employees in our local service industries. It also takes the young families out of our community and in so doing reduces the very people and families who are the foundation of our community. These are the people who support the volunteer groups and who keep our community functioning.

We are losing the neighbourhood support systems for those in need. We are losing the casual interaction with neighbours on their morning and afternoon walks and visits to the small shopping facilities. We are losing the vital interaction of age diversified groups. In effect we are losing the ability of our village to collectively raise our children. We are losing our sense of security and safety.

The STRA investors are marketing the very thing that makes our village (Suffolk Park) a lovely place, to raise our families in a functioning supportive community. We feed their cash cow so that they can come along and milk it dry at our expense.

Our community organisations like the Rural Fire Service, local soccer club, P&F school association, our very own Suffolk Park Progress/Community Association and many others are all feeling the effect of the long term rentals being moved into the STRA model.

The destruction of our community is happening now under the current unregulated STRA model which needs to be addressed urgently.

Commissioners, please support our elected council and our lovely community to survive this onslaught of STRA.

As stated earlier: our SPPA committee would like to see the total banning of non-hosted STRA from the Suffolk Park precinct.

Best regards,

Suffolk Progress Association

Donald Maughan, president