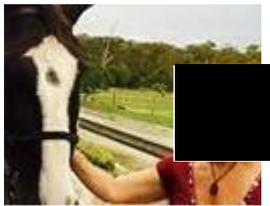


**197 COMMENTS FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE SIGNED THE
'BYRON DESERVES BALANCE' PETITION ONLINE AS AT 8.3.23**

Reasons for signing

See why other supporters are signing, why this petition is important to them, and share your reason for signing (this will mean a lot to the starter of the petition).



Lynette Wickham
[2 hours ago](#)

Lyn Wickham



Andrea Richardson
[2 days ago](#)

Holiday Letting needs to be controlled in the Byron Shire as we are loosing our sense of community. Restricting holiday letting to 90 days will free up more housing for full time renters which is desperately needed in our shire.

Trevor Reece
[2 days ago](#)

Local workers before visiting tourists



Jane Harris

[4 days ago](#)

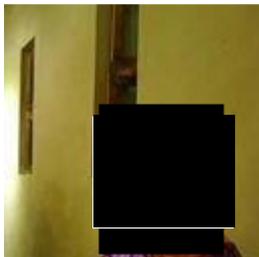
Too many sta destroy communities.



ROBYN HROMEK

[5 days ago](#)

let's not re-create crowded seaside cities like, um, the Gold Coast? Sunshine Coast? Do we really have to rash the place to keep up with the neighbouring seashores?



helen creagh

[6 days ago](#)

The housing here should be for workers first/ holiday makers take second place

Claire CUTLER

[7 days ago](#)

It's scares me every day that me and my 7 year old child will have nowhere to go when our home finally sells. There's no options, nothing even close to affordable.

Bonnie Ross

[7 days ago](#)

I and my father have been long term locals of Cavanbah (Byron Bay), and have watched it disintegrate into the hands of soulless, narcissistic and greedy Developers and others with no Respect for the Traditional Custodians nor the locals whom have called this home. My Terminally Ill father may now face homelessness in his last remaining days because of this greed. Where is the Humanity?

Archie

[1 week ago](#)

Yea and amen signing this to be fair dinkum in the Building industry in Australia Says IAM who Iam Amen and amen

Ric Richardson

[1 week ago](#)

Paris, Sanfransisco toronto all have caps. Im sympathetic to resident/ locals renting a room in their own house but not whole house airbnb. Even then local workers should be given priority. Thankyou for your work.

Renee Rackley

[1 week ago](#)

It's the right thing to do if community is key to our culture. And neo-liberalism sux!

Pauline Ranscombe

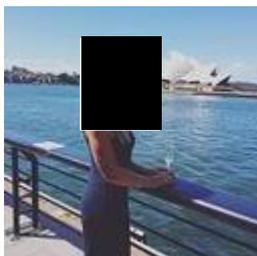
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Long time locals need affordable rental properties. This is their home.

Richard Hodgson

[1 week ago](#)

Low paid workers need somewhere affordable to live and rent.



Jen Lanham

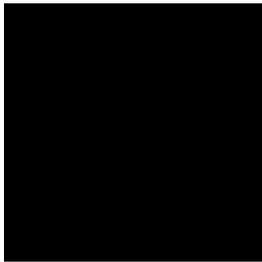
[2 weeks ago](#)

Jennifer Lanham

Andy Yeomans

[3 weeks ago](#)

Byron needs affordable rentals



Jan Scott

[3 weeks ago](#)

There is no community if people do not live permanently in a town.



Lorraine Ward

[3 weeks ago](#)

Living next to a holiday let is sheer hell. There has to be regulation before it completely destroys the core community here in Byron. We want neighbours not strangers!



Judith Corner

[3 weeks ago](#)

I can no longer find an affordable rental in the Byron Shire.



Susan WANMER

[3 weeks ago](#)

The effects of commodising housing are on display clearly here in Byron. We could showcase an innovative ground-breaking solution, or continue with housing solutions that do not meet needs either for individuals and that disadvantage businesses and therefore the local economy.

Lynda Rossitt

[3 weeks ago](#)

It's right and just.

Scott Hargrave

[4 weeks ago](#)

Constant STR disruption drove us out of Sunrise.....  A perfect stay



R W

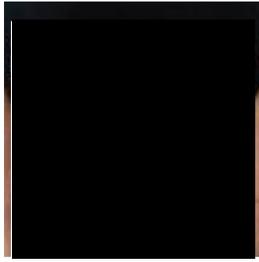
[4 weeks ago](#)

Out local families and workers shouldn't have to sleep in cars or tents or move away from their support network because rich people want to have holidays/make a buck. It's bloody selfish, un-Australian and pretty stupid.

Antoinette Charalambous

[4 weeks ago](#)

We deserve to have abundant available and affordable rental housing in our community



Ingrid Dewhurst

[4 weeks ago](#)

Stop catering to millionaires



Jamie Bennett

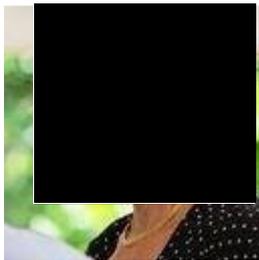
[4 weeks ago](#)

I want to live in a community with families, business,es and a local crew in the water who respect the area and those of us who live here.

Geraldine Devas

[1 month ago](#)

People need homes



Petra Karni

[1 month ago](#)

Extreme rental housing shortage. Local businesses have to close as thy camp get staff, staff cannot find accommodation

Eileen Kelepouris

[1 month ago](#)

for the Byron community



Suzanne Staples

[1 month ago](#)

This is a great idea. We need a 90 day cap on all rentals in Byron Shire.

Jonty Kylstra

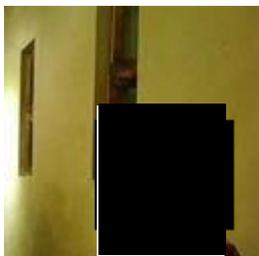
[1 month ago](#)

The housing crisis is real

Frances Mocerino

[1 month ago](#)

Last Census 2021 more than half of Byron Shire was EMPTY after 3 visits to the residence!
People sleeping in cars then going to work is not right!



helen creagh

[Jan 27, 2023](#)

Housing for workers

Birdie Gurley

[Jan 21, 2023](#)

Housing affordability is a huge problem nationwide but particularly in 'holiday towns. Where are the people who feed and clean up after all these sunny day visitors going to live?



Conny Hogan

[Jan 19, 2023](#)

We want a community



Fiona Sullivan

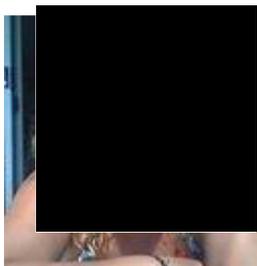
[Jan 18, 2023](#)

The housing situation needs to be addressed. Holiday rentals aren't a bad thing, except when locals have no where to live.

jana green

[Jan 17, 2023](#)

So many people struggling to secure accommodation and many being pushed out of the area entirely.



Natasha Henry

[Jan 17, 2023](#)

I care about our homeless locals.

Cathryn Stavert

[Jan 17, 2023](#)

No housing for local families and workers to rent

Dawn Johnson

[Jan 17, 2023](#)

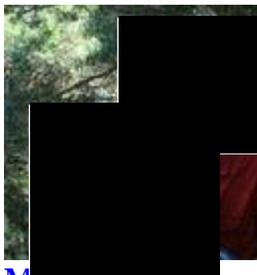
Byron Bay must be preserved



Kathy Norley

[Jan 16, 2023](#)

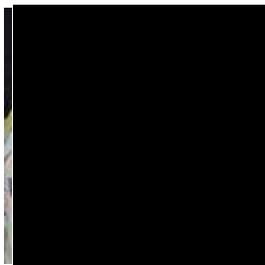
In our area we have seen thousands of families left homeless and a year past still are. We've seen insurance companies stop paying it's so wrong on so many levels. Families living in cars, places throwing them out as insurance dry up, and also their savings dry up. Homes that could be utilized left empty. Where is the duty of care. Gone this LNP government should be ashamed of themselves and their planning department should be sacked. Pushing complex issues along instead of tackling the problem with a 90 day cap. On AB&Bs. How dare they we are living in a third world country and we are meant to be Australia where you can at least have a roof over your head. I say again duty of care non existent.



M

[Jan 16, 2023](#)

I love the Byron area and know it needs to be "Community First" or it will lose its heart.!!!



cy tremayne

[Jan 16, 2023](#)

Devastating for the local community



Jann Gilbert

[Jan 16, 2023](#)

I lived in Byron Shire for 20 years and moved because I couldn't stand the out of control tourism and the loss of amenity that destroys communities. This is a problem in all small communities heavily impacted by mindless tourism.

Jane Eyre

[Jan 15, 2023](#)

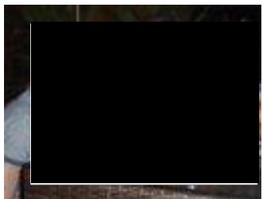
Byron, NSW, and Australia need places to LIVE IN to rent - desperately!! While people want to go on holidays, the locals living there are there to run the services and tourist facilities.



Claire McLisky

[Jan 15, 2023](#)

People who live in Byron shire deserve to be able to be part of a community. Renters should not be forced out of houses so landlords can make a motza. Families are being split up because of short term letting, and long-term residents have to make the unhappy choice between leaving their communities or staying and having to pay an enormous chunk of their wages in rent, and often to put up with terrible conditions. This is not ok.



Jemma Carroll

[Jan 15, 2023](#)

I am a local of 23 years and I don't want to see the locals being forced out of the rental board there . Jemma

John Vanderleeden

[Jan 15, 2023](#)

Housing crisis

Karin Hage

[Jan 14, 2023](#)

If housing is zoned residential then that what it should be. Stop turning houses into hotels. Stop that nonsense.

Michele Gurton

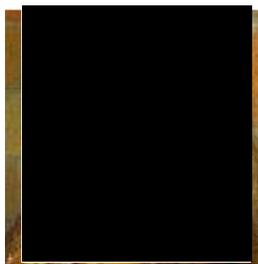
[Jan 14, 2023](#)

Our community is being destroyed by short term renters. More noise, businesses closing down due to lack of staff as they can't afford to live here. More noise, less community interaction, too many cars parked with no consideration for long term residents needs, many people living in cars as can't afford rents. We need to develop a cohesive community and stop pandering to greed

Susan Jackson

[Jan 14, 2023](#)

I think this decision is totally wrong



Moana Perrot

[Jan 14, 2023](#)

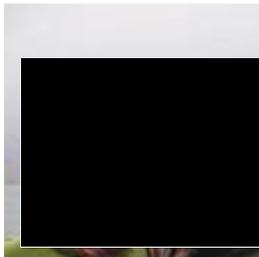
I could no longer afford to live in my community of 25 years, due to elevated real estate prices.



Morgan Saint

[Jan 14, 2023](#)

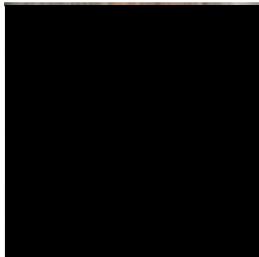
Rental affordability in the Byron Shire is woefully inadequate



Sharon Hubbard

[Jan 14, 2023](#)

When there are houses lying empty for months at a time it is just criminal that people and families are homeless ☐



Linda Joy Flower

[Jan 14, 2023](#)

I am signing because this is grossly unfair to locals (&homeless) as rents here are unaffordable. Their children have grown up here n go to school here - to b forced to move away from the area and their friends and support is inhuman.



John Foss

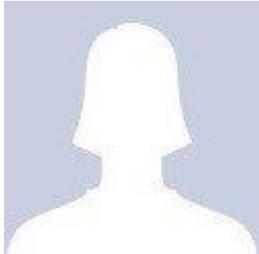
[Jan 8, 2023](#)

Keep Byron, Byron!

Dennise Freestone

[Jan 8, 2023](#)

short term rentals for the rich are destroying the whole of Australia.



michele grant

[Jan 7, 2023](#)

i think holiday letting should be prohibited in areas zoned for residential housing - the housing crisis would be over tomorrow! the tourist industry should provide tourist accomodation in commercial zones - tourists can wait for appropriate accommodation - instead of making locals homeless!



Lynne Holian

[Jan 5, 2023](#)

I want our town to have a diverse community as it always has in the past.

Sonya Want

[Jan 4, 2023](#)

So many of my friends have had to leave the shire because they simply cannot afford the rents. The imbalance is far too great, families and community are under stress, the housing situation in our beloved area is only good for the wealthy ...it's not ok.

Aletha Zylstra-Dickinson

[Jan 4, 2023](#)

Our community is being eroded by the housing crisis. A cap on STRA will help to address this issue.



jennifer abbo

[Jan 4, 2023](#)

'tis a social crime not to sign

Mark Barrett

[Jan 3, 2023](#)

People before greed

Anne Schillmoller

[Jan 3, 2023](#)

There is a shortage of affordable housing for local people. Short term holiday letting is exacerbating the local housing crisis while benefitting absentee investors. It also has a negative impact on local communities, as it gives rise to a revolving door of tourists and visitors, so affecting the establishment of meaningful relationships with neighbours. The noise from homes used for short term holiday letting is also often an issue for permanent/ long term residents.

Barry Thomas

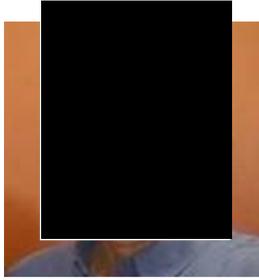
[Jan 3, 2023](#)

this town is so very much in need of more permanent rentals. if the 90 day cap would help this then well done.

Amrita Dasvarma

[Jan 3, 2023](#)

Housing and rental affordability should not be influenced by AirBnB and short term accomodation



Stephen Millard

[Jan 3, 2023](#)

The whole shire should have a 90 day cap



Kathy Steele

[Dec 30, 2022](#)

After living in the Byron shire for 36 years and seeing the massive change in the last 10 years, I feel despondent about the growth and pricing of properties especially for young folk wanting to stay in the town.



Suzi Rosedale

[Dec 30, 2022](#)

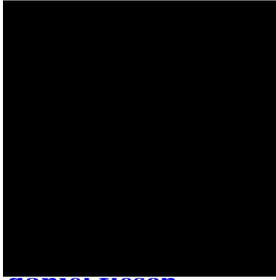
Roads are clogged with too many cars from rentals! Too much noisy at times! Loss of community!



Anthony Dwyer

[Dec 30, 2022](#)

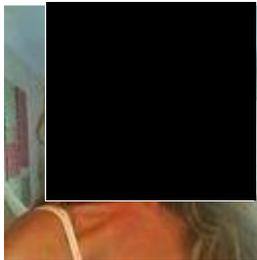
the housing situation in Byron Shire is ridiculous. Holiday letting is purely greed.



[**daniel riesch**](#)

[Dec 30, 2022](#)

As well as wistfully remembering the old Byron i used to visit from Bris.50 years ago and the later B.Shire i lived in for five years 20 years ago , i can see the same plague that afflicts B.Bay coming here to Bello. where i have lived on and off (mostly on) since 1980. Infestation of artificial people with no sense of or interest in community. Grrr....



[**Natalie Bruce**](#)

[Dec 29, 2022](#)

This is our home, my children were born here, and our community is being decimated by family after family being ripped away, through no fault or wish of their own. We are happy to share our hometown & happy to have newcomers move in. We are NOT happy to have our community decimated, as our town is used as a cash cow by people who do not even reside here. Byron has always been about living open hearted & inclusively - abundance for all... and that equals sharing, living in harmony ... not the wanton gluttony of some, crushing the lives of many... Keep it fair.

[**monika ueltschi**](#)

[Dec 28, 2022](#)

we need homes
homes to live in to raise our children to look after our elderly
to belong, to be part of a community
to contribute in a meaningful way.



David Henry
[Dec 28, 2022](#)

Emergency workers cannot afford to live within reach of the people and properties they are meant to protect.



Mark Stewart
[Dec 26, 2022](#)

I don't want Airbnb in residential areas. It has wrecked our local community.

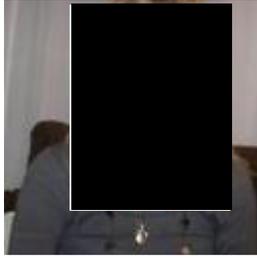
Robert Johnston
[Dec 26, 2022](#)

Because I believe the balance in Byron Bay between being a town we live in and love , sharing with tourists and becoming a short term tourism hell hole has reached a tipping point. The Goose who laid the golden egg is under severe threat along with all the natural beauty and reason why people came here in the first place . Short term rentals , short term profits and short term thinking will destroy the very reason why Byron is so desirable.



Linda Sparrow
[Dec 26, 2022](#)

Our community has been lost, so many homeless and nowhere to rent. I know too many affected by this. Enough is enough



Robyn Blick

[Dec 25, 2022](#)

We want community in Byron Bay and places for people to live full-time rather than wealthy people renting out homes for Airbnb for massive profits. We want 90 days limit on rental properties. This is a betrayal of a town that is Under Siege. We protest against the extension of a 90-day limit

Pam Timms

[Dec 24, 2022](#)

Byron Bay is not a real town anymore. It's a theme park. Local people and their needs don't matter. They don't even feel they belong anymore. The streets are full of strangers, and local people with good jobs are living in cars because they can't afford to rent or buy. Once again, big business is calling the shots. For them it's all about making a buck. Screw the locals. Screw the town. Because that's what it is: the rape of a precious resource. When they've finished with Byron, they'll move on to their next victim. The 90 day cap proposal is very reasonable, and actually doesn't go far enough. No local mum or dad trying to make a little on the side will be badly affected. But something must be done to put a brake on the super wealthy and super powerful. Screw them.



siobhan o gorman

[Dec 23, 2022](#)

We need to give everyone the opportunity to have an affordable home to live in. Not just at the whim of wealthy landlords.



Siobhan O' Gorman

[Dec 23, 2022](#)

It's the right thing to do



sue stewart

[Dec 22, 2022](#)

The state government need to look at this issue

Catherine Henniker

[Dec 22, 2022](#)

Residential areas are for residents not holiday lets

Tricia O'Reilly

[Dec 18, 2022](#)

It is very sad and wrong that local people in the community are being forced to leave Byron because of rising rentals, simply to accommodate people visiting on a holiday willing to pay higher prices. A price is paid for this - the loss of community.

Neil McGain

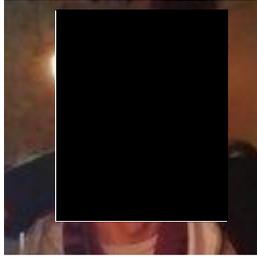
[Dec 17, 2022](#)

This is happening all over Australia
Governments must protect the needy not the greedy

Marilyn Irons

[Dec 15, 2022](#)

Great idea the mix of differnet kinds of people WAS the heart of the Byron experience



Sean Basham

[Dec 14, 2022](#)

Truthfulness benevolence forbearance ❤️ ☐ ☐

Gabi

[Dec 14, 2022](#)

We don't go to Byron anymore. The town is now a very unpleasant place.

Mellie Andreas

[Oct 31, 2022](#)

Byron needs a community and stability. Not just constant transience. And people need somewhere to live.



jennifer abbo

[Oct 29, 2022](#)

objection to luxury, exclusive, boutique developments destroying mother nature, our planet,ourhome...



Jennifer Michelsen

[Oct 26, 2022](#)

As a local I see so many negative changes in Byron...homeless sleeping on the street, heavy traffic and people with no respect for our town. It's time for change.

Gabrielle Donovan

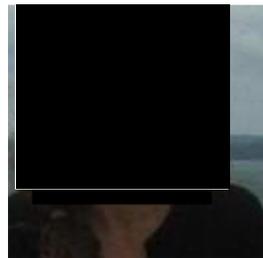
[Oct 25, 2022](#)

Byron used to be a magical place for everyone. Lets give the magic back without the pricetag
x

patricia warren

[Oct 25, 2022](#)

The Mayor sent a letter out with the rate notices asking people running STHL to consider renting long term. Despite repeated requests for the result, I have no idea how successful that was. Two things are desperately needed (i) social housing and (ii) restructure of the banking system which in large part is responsible for the housing crisis locally and nationally!



belinda lewis

[Oct 21, 2022](#)

Every UNHOSTED STRA in byron should have a 90day cap.



Alison Wilson

[Oct 21, 2022](#)

I too think balance is the best ...

Money cannot create community ..

And you need people who actually work in the town ,to be able to afford to live there as well

..



Inara Kent
[Oct 21, 2022](#)

We have a shortage of rental properties in this shire, single parents and children are especially in need if permanent accommodation.



Gabrielle Griffin
[Oct 20, 2022](#)

Because I've lived here for nearly 30 years, & I can't bear losing more & more locals to greedy developers & Airbnb hosts!



J Garton
[Oct 20, 2022](#)

For the reasons already stated ... But also coz NOBODY benefits while there's a serious worker shortage coz of how unaffordable it is to live in this area unless you're super-lucky in some way!!



Raphael Lee Cass
[Oct 17, 2022](#)

I support Byron Council in its endeavours to preserve Byron's permanent living community as opposed to a floating population of holiday makers.





Guy Funnell
[Oct 17, 2022](#)

I agree with all the points made.



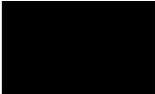
Kate Leach
[Oct 17, 2022](#)

Byron needs to retain what made it magic in the first place, diversity and character.... Hiked up and non existent rentals due to air b n b deluge will make it a pretty homogenous, dull, not too mention overpriced ghetto of banal.



tobias ansaldi
[Oct 16, 2022](#)

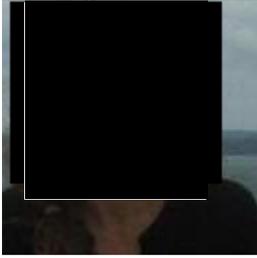
Maria Cid



Jennifer Blake
[Oct 15, 2022](#)

There is not enough affordable housing for rent in the shire. Air B&B's are a curse.





belinda lewis

[Oct 15, 2022](#)

Please ALSO add your name and comment to the SHIRE 'STRA' SURVEY by 31st Oct. This will be used as hard evidence of community opinion. This is required to meet the legal processes for reforming Byron's STRA policy. Wealthy investors are completing multiple surveys per property. So we all need to stand up and be counted. Try saying out loud, "STRA more than 90days? Not in Byron. No-one does that any more". If it sounds good to you, tell council via the SURVEY. Ask for a 90day limit on all unhosted STRAs across ALL of Byron Shire. Wealthy investors will either sell up or convert to longer term rental. And allow people, families and our creative and diverse communities to flourish again.



Tracey Hordern

[Oct 14, 2022](#)

Byron, absolutely deserves balance. the housing situation is unsustainable...



Caitlin Weatherstone

[Oct 14, 2022](#)

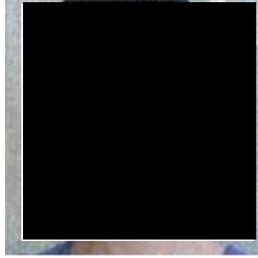
I'm concerned all the longtime locals will get pushed out of Byron due to the greed of a few!



Juergen Klein

[Oct 14, 2022](#)

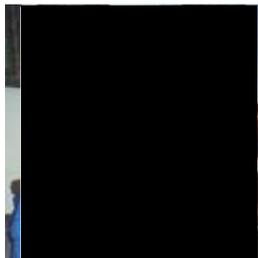
Short term rentals (ironically!) reduce the number of available rentals for locals, which are needed as workforce to service the visitors to the shire! They destroy the community.



Tamara James

[Oct 14, 2022](#)

Byron is my home and I am lucky to have somewhere still to live. Many friends with jobs and family here are not so lucky. Finding temporary accommodation.. Stressful for them Why should they have to move so people can make too much money on holiday rental...and there are no staff for their fancy restaurant! So they employ inexperienced kids.



Mark Oliver

[Oct 14, 2022](#)

All my friends are struggling to find places to live in Byron.



Lisa Wentworth

[Oct 13, 2022](#)

Short term holiday letting is destroying our community. We are becoming a "brand" that caters for vacuous, entitled people who think they can buy mindfulness. Many businesses such as Pig Flicks, Byron Direct Sports, affordable restaurants and useful clothes shops have actually closed because of high rents and catering to locals rather than rich holiday makers. I won't be sorry to lose a coffee cart, jaded and generic "eco-tour", ludicrously priced boutique that seems to have nothing in it or overpriced restaurant or two. Housing affordability of course. At last this issue is being addressed.





Sally F-Greene

[Oct 13, 2022](#)

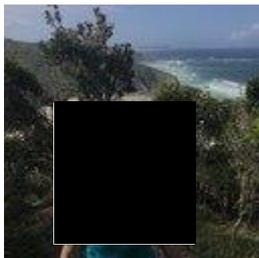
I want to come 'home'



Peter Gibson

[Oct 13, 2022](#)

The rental and affordable accommodation situation in Byron Shire is dire. It is overwhelmingly obvious that Airbnb and other short term holiday lets have been a major cause of this problem. The communities in this shire are being devastated as long term rental options have dwindled as greedy landlords force people out of homes and have transformed their houses into holiday lets. We cannot let this continue. The Byron Shire Council must fully implement the 90 day maximum rule and ensure compliance. They must also reconsider the relatively narrow application of this rule, particularly in Brunswick Heads which is being allowed to become a tourist haven and is destroying the community. People must be the centre of the policy, not greedy business and tourist operators.



Louise Orr

[Oct 13, 2022](#)

I want to live in a community not a playground. Everyone has the right to secure housing, and everyone has the right to live in the community they work in. Empty holiday homes, absent landlords and faceless tourist hordes do not foster communities, they foster neglect and decline.

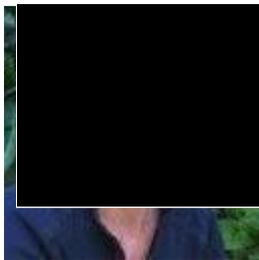




Leonie Ebert

[Oct 13, 2022](#)

The poor should not be displaced from rentals for the rich



Marilyn Perkins

[Oct 13, 2022](#)

everyone deserves a safe and secure place to call 'home'. Sadly, so much of the world is driven by greed.



Pringle Dingo

[Oct 13, 2022](#)

We were priced out of our rental in Suffolk; rent increased by \$500 within 12-months and it's largely, if not entirely, driven by incentives for short-term rental owners moving away from long term rentals. For the sake of a young, lively and personable town atmosphere, this can't be the new normal for Byron Bay



Merran Morrison

[Oct 13, 2022](#)

We will lose our community if we don't address the housing shortage



Scott Mcguigan

[Oct 13, 2022](#)

Who will serve the wealthy their coffees and champagne if no one can afford to live there?
Much like Noosa in Qld.



Philippa Byers

[Oct 13, 2022](#)

Thanks to Byron Deserves Balance for their advocacy on this issue - and for carefully unpacking recent, reckless claims appearing in full page advertisements within The Byron Echo that tout negative impacts of the Byron Shire Council's proposed caps on unhosted, unregulated STRAs. The Byron Bay community needs the caps as an important measure to restore a degree of balance in the rental market so those among us who don't own real estate can live, play, work, volunteer, raise children and thus contribute to the Byron Bay community.



Linda Bell

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Everyone deserves a roof and the security of a home.

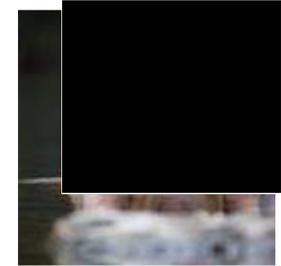


Matt Brady

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my community back!

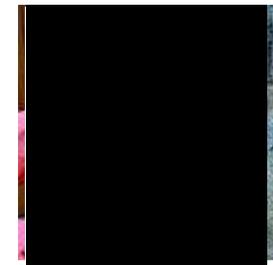




Lin Bell

[Oct 12, 2022](#)

I've been a local for 36 years and this is my home, my community and I care about the people. I know how it feels to struggle to find affordable accommodation. Keep our Shire free of greed!



Susan Robinson

[Oct 12, 2022](#)

I know so many who are affected by this local housing crisis, most are elderly women and all live in fear as a result.



ian cohen

[Oct 12, 2022](#)

Im appalled by the erosion of our community and the arrogant invasion of our society holiday letting properly supervised time limited and with owners present can work but the dumb invasion by hordes to benefit greedy landlords not living in Byron is a recipe for cultural cleansing





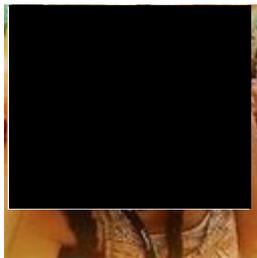
Nicqui Yazdi

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Byron has been in a housing crisis for years now, which is 100% caused by tourism. Byron residents have the highest rents in the country, and so few available rentals that we simply cannot even house our workers. Added to this, the devastating floods in early 2022, which has left thousands of our residents homeless and it could be years before their homes are fixed, and the housing crisis has become so epic, that we simply cannot house all those displaced by the floods too. We need 'holiday' rentals returned to residential stocks, and we need it NOW. The only way is to enforce a 90 day cap on as many holiday rentals as possible, in the hope that at least some of these owners will heed the dire call, reduce the ridiculously overpriced tourism rates, and re-house local workers and families. Just sign the petition, be proactive, and help to protect our community and our residents into the future.

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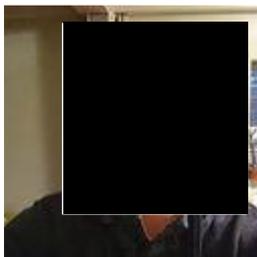
Nicky Fisher

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Rental prices are out of control, greed is abundant, long term residents are suffering undue stress looking for a place to call home, at a time when community has seen the worst floods in history. There's more to say....but.....share & sign.

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Sol Dixon

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Because I grow up in Byronbay and went to primary school in Brunz and High school at Mull High, before Byron High was built . The shire has got massive and is cool because our parents got m,os on farm land or rented shakes on the beach back in the 1970s now what about rent for us developer's and rich foke buying loads of properties in the shire because it cool and nice and now it's an expensive shadow of its self wtf has happened to the shire !!! At lest club med Beach was band and mc Donald's but aye , locals need housing commission houses ;) not High yuppie rents ;)

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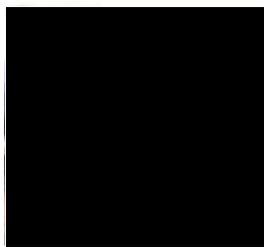
Marguerite Morgan

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People are homeless n living rough.....□□□

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Jeremy Carpenter

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The very people who make this town what it is, who work and contribute shouldn't be facing as an uphill battle to have a roof over their heads! Byron served tourists for decades with abundant accomodation options, but now the very workers that enable that tourism are being priced out by Airbnb's. Housing shouldn't be a business and the fact that it has become one is a sickening sign of how far our country has fallen..

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yvonne jessup

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there is an over supply of tourist accommodation when Byron needs permanent residences more than ever

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Bradley Pike

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I believe that the wrath of short term holiday rentals, such as Airbnb, has had a disastrous effect on permanent local communities and family life worldwide. And I believe that particularly within the Byron shire, it has been hugely detrimental to life here. The cost of such mass holiday usage of the shire is greatly paid by the council rates of a mere 15,000 people! This has to change in order to keep the fabric of our rich and eclectic community possible!

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Deborah Preston

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I believe the 90 day cap is best for our community

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Many of the people that make Byron so special are moving away because they can't afford the rent.

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Kath Northey

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All towns need to accommodate workers that live in the town. Rents and affordable housing is a necessity in every community not only Byron Bay but in the Northern Rivers districts and beyond.

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jan barham

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We need community, we need homes for locals. What is proposed is not ideal for our community but currently it's the best possible option. How dare these people change the narrative, they obviously don't know what community is, they don't know us and obviously only think about profiteering from what a community has spent decades protecting, our home. Thank you Liz for creating the petition and giving us a voice.

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I live here

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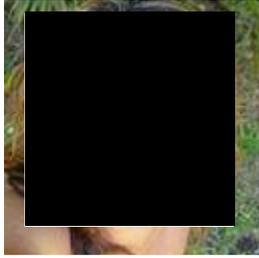
Rita Richter

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The fabric of communities requires people to have connection. You can't be connected when passing through and staying in short stay rentals. Look at how towns were so negatively affected by FIFO people. The government could consider limiting the number of investment properties people can have and negative gear, limit the length of time properties can remain empty so it makes more properties available. This issue is HUGE in regional areas, and also affects major cities.

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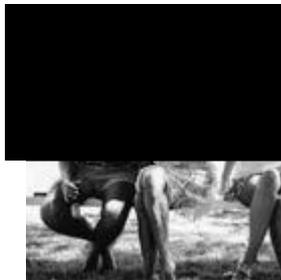
Sherrie Yeomans

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We need houses for locals. We need workers for local businesses who need somewhere to live and we need houses for families that have lived here for generations. Byron Needs a 90 cap on AIRBNB holiday letting! Please here the community.

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Suzy Tonkin

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We need affordable housing

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Angela Burgler

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I got priced out of Byron Bay years ago and now the same thing is happening in Mullumbimby. Traffic, no parking and insanelly high rents, may as well go live in Lismore and atleast be able to get a house

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Vivienne Schwarcz

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I remember how nice Byron used to be before the chain stores and wealthy moved in and destroyed the community nature of the place.

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Lyndal Foley

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The lack of affordable and available housing is destroying this community. Workers can't afford to work here, which affects all businesses. Some people grew up here and now have to leave simply because they can't find an affordable, reasonable home. It is out of control.

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David Griffiths

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The housing crisis in Byron shire is shocking. Too many people I know doing it tough...

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The community of Byron Bay deserve to continue living where they belong

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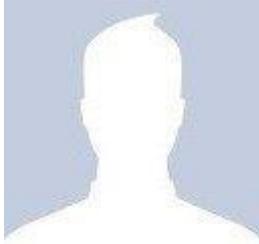
rob nicholls

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The rich just take what they want when they want it with no regard for established communities who do all the work in and sustaining of a place

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Workers need affordable housing in the communities in which they live.

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Christine Jinga

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Inequality in this country is a cause for deep shame. This proposal goes some way to make a change

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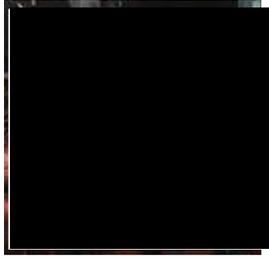
Carole Dixon

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I support the 90 day cap on holiday letting in the Byron Shire

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rebecca rushbrook

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I'm terrified about the rental shortage in this area - which is driving up the prices of the ones there are to unreachable amounts. Now we've lost so many homes to the flood as well. We desperately need our houses for our community.

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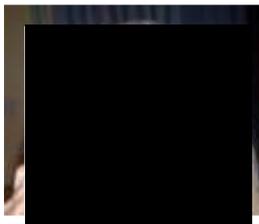
Jude Alcorn

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we need more housing for everyone here, especially essential workers

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Wendy Guinea

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Everyone has right to a roof over their head

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Peter Verrall

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As a resident of Byron Shire over 20 years this issue has already forced me out of my community.

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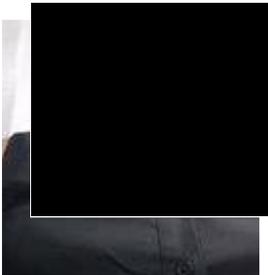


Katie Wmb
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Housing is a bare necessity in life. Too many high end developers and secondary income houses permitted in each town pushes people away from family's, supports and jobs, leaving people with minimal opportunity to live with comfort and opportunity.

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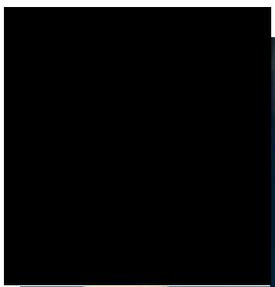
Lucinda Bechor
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I am a landslide affected local who has had to bounce from accommodation to accommodation while we wait for an outcome of our insurance claim and have been unable to get longer term accommodation.

I am VERY concerned for people who can't return to their homes, are not insured, the elderly and people being forced to leave the area when their whole life is here.

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Jo Pilgrim
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The holiday letting caps need to be put in place to ensure there are sufficient houses available for long term rental. Without long term rentals lower to moderate income workers will not be able to afford to live here, and where will we be without nurses teachers firemen cafe workers etc.

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Kerrie McElgunn
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I have heard of a lot of businesses that are struggling as they cannot get workers simply because local people cannot afford to live here anymore, the tourist industry & especially ab&b has destroyed community

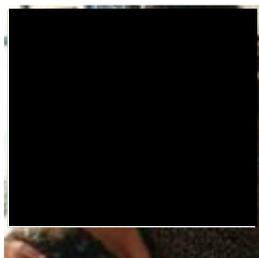
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cindi young
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we have had a housing crisis in this region for years. We need a local population and a mixture of demographis not just rich holiday makers

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joanne Smerdon
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I have been without a home here but luckily I have friends and family that took me in. It's a devastating feeling. And getting worse all the time. Some people have to stay in the area. Not so simple as just picking up and leaving

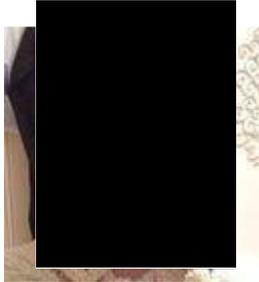
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Natalie Holt
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Our shire and many others are in crisis with no end in sight and no solutions offered.

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Annabel Kelly

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Ive been evicted from a long term house to make way for an airbnb which now charges TRIPLE our old weekly rent per NIGHT.

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Jude

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The whole shire is in dire need of housing not helped by the proliferation of short-term holiday lets. We need more tradesmen but where would they live? So many people sleeping rough!

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Marina Aqua

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Of the marked increase in hardship & homelessness, in the current fabric of socio-economic conditions.

What measures & steps can B implemented to prevent the growing gap?

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France's Hart

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I know too many people living in te T's and cars, old pdoe and young families

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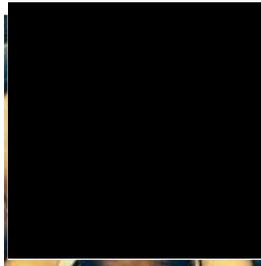
Allan Gibbs

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I grew up here. Have kids here that have grown up here and want to stay here.

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Mudita Jawor

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prioritising the mega wealthy in their bid to monopolise all the realestate and short term let it before meeting the most basic human needs of all the community is an embarrassment and we need to do better.

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Shanelle Dawson

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We need real change, homes for families. Restricting copious amounts of Airbnb's to only 90 days doesn't give the stability & security people need!

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Sandra Lee

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For our shire a Balance is imperative. The push by Developers is unconscionable. There are a multitude of places for the rich. Please support our region to be available FIR ALL. to support a variety of people's and housing.

Thank you ☐

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Pauline Menczer

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The 90 day cap should be for every house in the shire, not just the houses the Council has picked.

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Pam Mackellar

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People close to me have struggled to find accommodation (affordable or not), and as a result have had to move interstate, away from family and friends. Others who have been lucky enough to find somewhere, now have to travel much, much further to get to work.

Something's got to give.

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Jennie Donehue

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Byron DOES deserve better- better housing for the long-term residents who now find themselves homeless or housing insecure due to the out-of-control amount of housing now turned into holiday... Read more

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Honor Morningstar

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It's a disgrace that people with single or multiple investment properties are using Short Term Holiday Letting and AirBNB to take homes away from our local community. I have many friends who have had to leave the area after living here for many years because of this situation.

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Huge housing shortage for local families - we need community back rather than accommodate tourists.

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Holiday letting is killing the town.

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We need more affordable housing in the Byron Shire. Holiday Air B&B rentals are out of control.

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My family is one of many homeless in the Byron Shire

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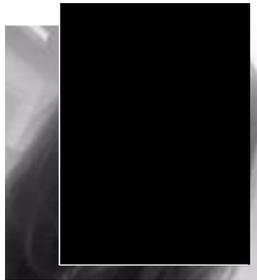
jan daly

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Our community is being made homeless because of STHL. It has to change

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Sarah-Jane McGrath

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im homeless since june 2020.

i remain homeless because the system is broken, no one group is leading the charge for change for reform of the real estate market, everyone is pointing the finger and we are all still homeless and job less!

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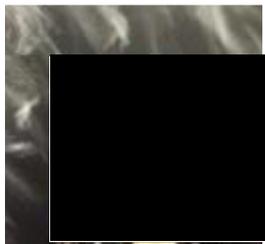
Barry Thomas

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we need this balance

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Nicolette Boaz

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I care about housing for real people and their families

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Nadyne Castner
[Oct 7, 2022](#)

The housing situation in this area is disgraceful,I live in Mullumbimby.this is a sensitive topic as my 27yr old son is homeless so are 2 of my daughters,my eldest daughter has 4 children and 1 of them is a new born,a good friend of mine recently passed away in her tent in Byron Bay.

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Trent Doyle
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This is as close to the new colonialism as we can get in this country. Modern day dispossession. The far reaching fingers of wealth will sneak throughout regional towns and communities of NSW.

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Linda Sparrow
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People need homes, where do you think the hospitality workers, retail workers, gardeners, cleaners, bush regenerators, tradies, aged care workers, teachers, students are going to live. These are only the ones I know of. We have lost our community to greed

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Julie Tucker
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Byron Bay isn't just a place for the rich people to live.

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Vashti Wright

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I hate the fact that housing is an investment and that those who own them have no idea what it's like to have housing instability or homelessness

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talitha Carlson

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Ppl need help

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We need affordable rental accommodation here !we have no workers in nursing because of huge lack of Available homes

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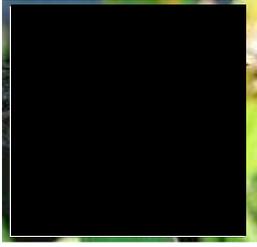
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I am watching business close in town daily because they can't find workers

Workers need somewhere to live

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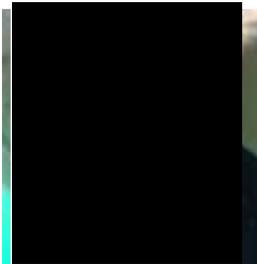
Michelle Lowe

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My friends and children can no longer find homes.

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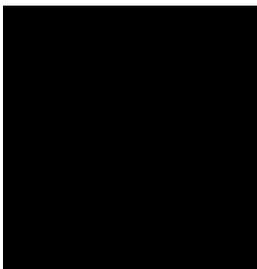
Sarah Ndiaye

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Short term holiday letting has decimated our community, putting enormous pressure on our existing housing stock and forcing locals out of town or into cars. We need some regulation to help limit the impacts.

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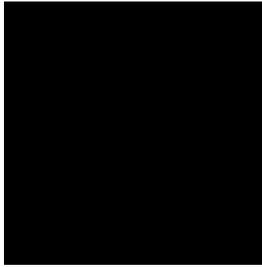
Michelle Kerlin

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It is so sad seeing what is happening in this area and many others due to a lack of affordable housing. So many people having to move away from their home and support network. It is increasingly difficult to fill hospitality positions as people simply cannot afford or even find a rental property. Something needs to change.

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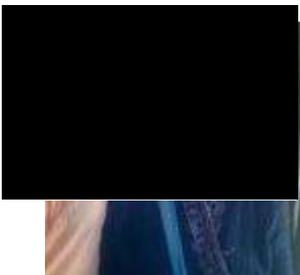
Rosie Mitchell

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Locals need more permanent rentals. I have done the move out every six months for the tourist season. It sends you broke.

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rosie flemington

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Byron Shire needs housing for locals. Housing is for living in and creating community -not for greedy investment!!

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Paul Bourke

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Homeless is increasing rapidly because of short term rentals

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Catherine Ash

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Personally I feel this is perpetrating an electoral fraud, by pushing out every ounce of local colour in favour of the well heeled that only want accommodation WITH a kitchen with every appliance known to human kind. It is NOT filling the cafes or restaurants. Shops are closing due to higher rates and no staff. Chain stores have sprung up in their wake. Why would tourists buy from the chain stores they can easily buy from when they get home? Supermarkets and grog are the big winners. The losers are the long term residents forced out

by higher and higher rents. The businesses that cant get staff. When will it end? Byron is dying of greed and narcissism.

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Marilyn Scott

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This balance is imperative... for all life in our community. We all need rest cycles...☐☐

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We need to support our local community with the pertinent housing shortage not the influx of the wealthy.

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Decent housing is a fundamental right.

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Misha Williamson

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I live here. My family lives here. I am invested in a community who are investing in a community not an opportunity.

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tim stanley

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Holiday rentals are distroying our community

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Margaret Johnston

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We lost everything in flood at SGB. .now can't afford to live there anymore as rents through the roof!

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