



Regulate Byron Shire Short Term Holiday Letting - STHL

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Kim Goodrick

Thank you for having me today. I'm Kim Goodrick and I run the Regulate Byron Shire Short Term Holiday Letting FB page.

Before we start I would like to acknowledge the Traditional owners of the land on which we meet, The Arakwal people of the Bundjalung Nation, and I would like to pay my respects to elders past, present and emerging. I note that there are only 4 dwellings available in the Byron Shire to the Traditional Owners, and as a historical injustice, this must be rectified.

This my Facebook Page and it has twelve hundred likes and thirteen hundred followers.

Introduction



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- **Please note that many of these stories** are from vulnerable people who want to remain anonymous. Although I have permission from all of these people to share their stories, I have illustrated them with stock photos and used pseudonyms.

Real Stories - Kate



I have been trying to find a suitable (and affordable) long term rental property for myself and my 3 children attending Byron High. I/they REALLY don't want to have to change schools/ move away from their friends. They attended Byron Primary all the way through as did their older brother. I volunteer with WIRES as well as working full time as a NDIS support worker. I was living in our former marital home until a year ago but made the difficult decision to finally move out from a toxic relationship.

I'm starting to lose hope now though

Kate and her children have now been forced to leave the Byron Shire

Real Stories - Denise



Help. I'm being left homeless. I am a working pensioner and have lived in the same house for 24 years. All my medical teams are here. Where do I go from here?

Denise is still in the Byron Shire, but in a precarious housing situation.

Real Stories - Shelley



Seven years ago I worked in hospitality in the Byron Shire and rented a very basic studio for \$150 per week. That same studio was advertised at \$380 per week two years ago and is probably double that now. I still work in hospitality, but simply cannot afford to live in Byron Shire anymore. I don't know how anyone working in a minimum wage job can.

Shelley has now been forced to leave the Byron Shire

Real Stories - Elizabeth



We had a routine inspection on the apartment we rent in Suffolk Park today. We are unfortunately not able to renew our lease in November as they have put the rent up by \$100 a week. My husband works full time as did I, I'm a nurse but I am currently on maternity leave. However, the rise in rent has left us with little option but to leave what feels like home to us here in Byron Bay.....This means completely uprooting our lives, moving states, leaving friends, leaving behind a job that I absolutely love. They will absolutely no doubt, put the rent up even more after we leave too.

In fact, the rent went up by \$200 per week and Elizabeth has now been forced to move interstate.

Please note the presentation given yesterday by James Bennett-Levy re:

the crisis of Health workforce in the Northern Rivers due to housing issues.

Real Stories - Rebecca



Really concerned about my apartment block because the other owners want to change our by-laws to allow STHL in our building which was built as affordable housing under the Affordable Housing SEPP.

I want locals to have houses and don't want to live in a guest house with constant noise in a non-soundproof complex.

Feeling pressured to comply. STHL is a home wrecker.

Rebecca has now left the Byron Shire due to the pressure she was under, and is renting her apartment long term.

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does not make it more valuable**



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I listened to many of the presentations today and yesterday and the overwhelming concern to me, was that just because something, such as economic impact can be measured, does not, and should not be the only determinant of what is important in a civilised society. And the “I/me/my business” presentations given should never take precedence over the best interests of our necessarily diverse community.

The Truth



**Rental platforms:
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- **Byron Shire is beautiful - protected by previous generations who are rapidly being displaced**
- **Continuing the 180 days cap threatens the very essence of what makes the Shire so special – it's nature and it's community**
- **There is no point destroying more of the environment for housing to just end up as more STRAs**
- **I BEG you to permit the 90 day cap as overwhelmingly supported by the majority of the Byron Community and reflected in Council's unanimous decision of December 2022.**

- **Thank you**