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Subject: Inquiry into Short-Stay Accommodation: I support the right to home share in WA
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Dear Economics and Industry Standing Committee,

I have spent around 6 months opening up my farmhouse and my animal sanctuary to short-stay guests. I provide well-priced accommodation that is unique - it brings people into the area that wouldn't otherwise come. It allows people to travel much more cheaply and have experiences that they will tell their family and friends about back home that will encourage more people to come to WA.

Hotel rooms do not provide the sort of accommodation I provide so I am not in competition with them. I don't make a great deal of money from my guests, but it allows me to meet people from all over the world and talk to them about my animal sanctuary. It's both educational and social. It doesn't just serve the purpose of making money.

I talk to my guests and tell them what is on offer in the area so that they get to make the most of their visit to WA - they wouldn't get this at a hotel/motel.

I realise that hotels/motels don't like the competition, but they deal with lots of people coming through and can hence afford to adhere to various regulations - I only have a group of guests every now and then so in order to abide by the same regulations - it wouldn't be worth it for me and I would have to stop providing accommodation.

WA badly wants to build up it's tourism industry - well this is a way to do that. In some places it's very difficult to get hotel/motel rooms - especially at certain times of the year - so airbnb can fill an important role.

I don't necessarily agree that people who rent entire houses as often as they can should be exempt from regulations - but people like myself who provide a couple of rooms once in a while to guests should not have to be encumbered by lots of rules and regulations - lets face it - you don't make people adhere to rules and regulations who have family and friends staying - so why do you need it for guests through airbnb - unless of course you are having to a big no of guests coming through - so maybe their should be a limit to the number of times you can rent out your home per year - I would be happy with this.

I really think airbnb can provide an amazing boost to the WA tourist industry by providing unique, fun and interesting experiences for guests at reasonable prices. Surely this isn't something the WA government wants to kill dead.

Regards,
Lisa Hill

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