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From:

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To: Committee, Economics & Industry Standing

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Dear Committee

I own a small duplex in cottesloe.
Each duplex block is small - sub 400sm.

My duplex unit fronts the road, has a streetscape and a verge.

The other duplex doesn't.
It fronts a narrow ROW/laneway.

The duplex block is in the residential section of the Town of Cottesloe.
It's also near the beach.

The owners of the other duplex renovated their duplex unit, converting a large 2 car garage and boat store into an extra 2 bedrooms, to make a total of 6 bedrooms.

For 4 +years they ran a "short stay" business there. It was advertised for 10 persons per night.

Due to proximity to the beach and the no of persons they were prepared to accomodate each night, their average occupancy rate was circa 75%.

Depending on the season and the no of guests their tariff was often in excess of \$650 per night.

In the whole time they ran the business I was never consulted about it or asked if I was inconvenienced by it.
Despite the fact I lived there and they didn't.
They lived close by in a large family home.

They only stopped operating the business when I advised I would report them to Council.

Unfortunately if a short stay operator can make a serious amount of money from their operation they do not take kindly to being asked to cease conducting it.

In general I think the simple Fremantle model short stay model is a good model.
A cap of 6 guests per night is tolerable- regardless of the size of the accomodation and the no of beds..

10+ is too many for a residential neighbourhood and incites greed and disregard for others.

In any event in Cottesloe under local health laws (and under state health laws) a short stay facility for 6+ persons is required to be registered as a boarding or lodging house.

Kind Regards
Concerned Cottesloe resident