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My husband and I were looking to build a home for our eventual retirement. In 2006 we found a 5 acre block in a quiet

cul de sac in the hills of . We requested a copy of the zoning chart from the Council to make sure we would not

have any disruptive business activity in neighbouring properties and we felt satisfied that our peace and privacy would not

be compromised. We therefore went ahead with the purchase of the block and are now living in our lovely 'owner built' home.

Around 2016 however, the house next door to us was sold to a couple recently immigrating from . They live

in and use the property exclusively as a business. They sought and obtained Council permission to , first install

a pool then, let the whole house out as a sleeping eight guests. It is a 4 bedroom 2 bathroom house with an

entertaining deck overlooking a long and steep descent to the road.

Their entry gates are next to ours and the long and very steep driveways run parallel on each side of the wire boundary

fence. Our drive has been bitumenised but theirs is unimproved, rocky and rutted for most of its length. Their visitors' cars

often lose traction and roll back to the road, some use our drive instead, expecting to be let through the gate at the top of

the boundary fence.

We now have a lot of traffic in our "quiet" cul de sac, with the neighbouring being let to 12 guests

(plus their friends) most weekends and holidays. Usually Friday and Saturday nights they party on the deck. The house is

marketed also as a 'venue' where there have been marquees, buses and large groups of partygoers in and outside the house.

we have even seen men urinating outside.

Perhaps worst of all is the carelessness about fire risk. Our area is fairly heavily wooded and constitutes an extreme fire

risk. All the householders are careful and familiarised with the fire drill and equipment but the guests of

have no knowledge of these, and pose a huge fire risk both to themselves and to us and other neighbours.

We are now hoping that this ' Inquiry' will come up with a solution to this neighbourhood nuisance.