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To: [Committee, Economics & Industry Standing](#)
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,

Hi Committee Members,

My wife and I, Centrelink pensioners, have a small apartment that we recently put to “Airbnb”. It was rented through an agency during our low cost travel absences however their costs continued to escalate in a down turning rental income environment, to the point we were barely breaking even, so we turned to Airbnb. Our Airbnb income is declared to the ATO and Centrelink so that we become less of a burden on society. Many of our visitors are holiday makers, both national and international, looking for somewhere “local” providing the kind of personal welcome and facility for which the bed and breakfast style of accommodation has become famous around the world. We are not big business hauling in millions as we see down the street from us in Northbridge and, judging from the number of Airbnbs around our location (as seen on the Airbnb site), Airbnbs make up but a tiny portion of numbers and variety of accommodations available.

The system works, it gives opportunity in this relatively free country of ours to supplement meager incomes and, at the same time, provide state income by way of taxation or, as in our case, lessening financial burden on government agencies such as Centrelink. Choking of small businesses such as ours should be discouraged, not blotted out by regulation. If you need more information, feel free to contact by return email.

Kind Regards,

Roger Boxall & Sasha Barac

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Regards,

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