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Submission on Enquiry into AirBnB

Dear Sir / Madam

I am currently manage to tourist Parks in Bunbury with a mix of business including tourist, corporates, permanent residents & short term rental accommodation. The parks employ 35 staff across full time & casual. We are very much locally focused with our purchases & use of trades.

Introduction of AirBnB has seen available homes, apartments & holiday accommodation grow to 120 listings in the Bunbury area. Other outlying areas have also seen an increase as well.

My main issue with this type of accommodation option is that it is not regulated by any council, state bodies or federal agency. Air BnB operators do not have to contribute via licencing, rates, inspection fees or the many other business costs, employment costs down to local sponsorship monies that many business donate. Revenue earn't does not attract GST or require BAS returns

The AirBnB accommodation option does not give commercial operators an even playing field as their operation is a pseudo business but without any impost (business expenses).

Regards

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