

Petition Calling for Limits on Short Term Letting

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly in NSW: this petition of the people of New South Wales brings to the attention of the House:

Short term accommodation is rapidly expanding and there are serious community concerns about how neighbourhoods are being changed.

While most people agree that there are few impacts from people letting out a room in their home on a short term basis or letting their home out for a limited period while they are away, there is concern that more homes are being wholly and permanently converted into holiday lets.

When homes are turned entirely into holiday houses, the sense of community can diminish because people don't have neighbours they can get to know. Homes also are removed from the rental market, adding to the housing affordability crisis. Alarming, it has been estimated that 6,000 Sydney homes have already been taken out of the rental market by online holiday letting.

Permanent, short term letting should only occur in properties with appropriate zoning and development approval.

The undersigned petitioners therefore ask that the government ban the permanent conversion of entire homes into short term holiday lets and introduce appropriate controls to ensure the ban can be enforced including a mandatory short term letting registration system.

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