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I enjoy the variety of the people who come. Many of whom are in fact locals (rather than international visitors) who need a comfortable, reasonably priced place to stay while attending a workshop, meeting or are visiting family from interstate. And as a renter myself, I do not make a profit from this arrangement, I simply keep up with rental payments. I also recommend my favourite cafes, restaurants and shops so small businesses get a boost from local tourism.

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Charlie Aarons

1501
Dear NSW Government,

I believe house sharing is one of the only ways to keep housing affordable for different demographics, while still encouraging tourism but keeping home ownership in Australian hands. Airbnb and Uber and sharing platforms like this are the way of the future, and if we close off these opportunities we will fall behind. This is our chance to be pioneers when it comes to these kinds of things, and accept the world is changing and we can make that change positive. I believe clear guidelines for taxation purposes should be created, but I strongly believe in the right of people to share their houses and apartments across New South Wales in a responsible and respectful way, without extreme regulations like caps and costly registration processes. Please accept this as a formal submission to the Options Paper.

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Sophia Luiker

1502
Dear NSW Government,

This submission sets out and describes the positive impact of being a home sharing (AirBnB) host has had on our lives. My wife and I have been hosting guests for nearly 3 years now. We make a single room available to guests in our 3 bedroom house, in a quiet suburban street in Willoughby, through listing it on the AirBnB website. It has during this time provided us with some financial security, but most of all it has given us the opportunity to meet with some wonderful and interesting individuals we would otherwise not have had the opportunity to know in our lifetimes.

Home sharing and hosting has been a part of our family for many years, even before AirBnB. In the 90’s we made available a single room in our home to many overseas students that primarily came to learn English at international schools in the Sydney CBD. Students varied from young foreign high school students, to mature aged married couples. We had the most wonderful experiences with them in the short time they stayed with us – generally 1-2 weeks. We also provided them with directions and guidance on what other places to see and visit here in NSW and interstate. In 2013, we saw AirBnB as a direct extension of these experiences. As with students, our AirBnB guests come with glowing reviews and are fully verified by AirBnB and ourselves before we let them stay with us. Same applies to travelling and being guests ourselves. There is a total degree of ‘trust’ that flows both ways between host and guest. It is this ‘trust’ that bonds us and makes our experiences even more exciting and pleasurable.

This degree of ‘trust’ and verification does not exist in the Hotel Industry, or in similar accommodation providers such as Stayz.com.

Our experiences using AirBnB have been varied and are widely different with each new guest. All have been pleasurable, and some have extended in to friendships, with many being return guests, all because of the fabulous experience they had in staying with us. Many ask us to visit us in their home town or country so they can reciprocate the experience. We also always encouraged our guests to interact with the local neighborhood and Sydney City, and frequently give them directions to our favorite coffees shops, food stores, restaurants, and tourist attractions. Some have totally relied on our suggestions and enjoyed them immensely. We also direct them to use the public transport system as well. Many are overseas visitors without private vehicles, and rely on trains, buses and ferries to get in and around Sydney. Our accommodation is conveniently located near public transport, which our guests see as the main benefit of staying at our house.

In conclusion, AirBnB have provided us with a semi-structured, semi-formal, accommodation providing, income producing platform, that works for all parties be they hosts, guests, families or individuals. We think it works well for us and the many people we know and have met through AirBnB. We feel that further legislation and regulations aren’t necessary, as it seems to be working pretty well for the majority of users.

We will be continuing to use AirBnB, and provide our guests with the best experience that we can offer.

Yours sincerely,
Margaret Krygsman

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In addition to the above, my choice to host my apartment on AirBNB and secure a reliable income from it is a way for me to keep myself and my cleaners (3 people) gainfully employed. This will hurt jobs, it will hurt people like me and will create yet another reason for me to finally emigrate from Australia and take my many hundreds of thousands of dollars in annual tax to a more understanding and supportive economy. It really is time to stop infringing on the attempts of people trying to make a go of it.

Andrew Arcuri

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Richard Woodman

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Kwok Chong

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Joel Cacciotti

1513
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To maximise participation in the sharing economy, any regulations should be clear and easy to understand and comply with, and also cost effective for hosts.

I encourage the NSW Government to follow the lead of South Australia and Tasmania, as well as other cities around the world, which have embraced home sharing and are reaping the rewards.
Dear NSW Government,

I strongly believe in the right of people to share their houses and apartments across New South Wales in a responsible and respectful way, without extreme regulations like caps and costly registration processes. Please accept this as a formal submission to the Options Paper. As a single mother, this is a way I can earn some extra money without having to work any extra hours out of the house.

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Kim Perry-Rigg

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Irene Williams

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Airbnb can highly contribute to NSW’s tourism and economy. It provides the state with additional revenue, employment and opportunities. I believe that short term guests can also be more respectful than long term tenants, especially if the Airbnb is managed professionally.

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Thank you.

Angie Smith

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Dear NSW Government,

Airbnb is a wonderful service that benefits all parties involved! Any issues that arise from Airbnb are no where near comparable to the benefit it brings. These issues could also be easily overcome without changing the home sharing service as it stands. Airbnb provides lively hoods to many who desperately need it, myself included. I suffer from severe anxiety that prohibits me from working normal hours. Anxiety and depression are work prohibiting health issue that are largely unrecognised and unsupported by the Australian government. There is minimal financial support for the many people in my situation. Airbnb keeps a roof over my head!

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Greg McKewin

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Airbnb has been a lifeline for me a number of times. It has helped me to pay extra strata fees, pay my mortgage when I was made redundant. Now I look after my 94-year-old mother in her home. I also get the opportunity to share my home with people from all around the world for up to a month at a time. Many of my repeat guests are typically grandparents visiting to meet their first grandchild which gives me great joy.

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As an Airbnb host, we depend on hosting as an economic lifeline to help us pay the mortgage and the bills. I also recommend my favourite cafes, restaurants and shops so small businesses get a boost from local tourism.

Our apartment has had an occupancy rate of 90% since we started hosting 2 years ago. Our guests frequently comment that hotel accommodation simply wasn’t available in our local area, so we believe by hosting we’ve brought tourists into our local community and shared the benefits of their spend. I also hire a cleaner now who depends on the money to live on since her divorce. Our neighbours are fully aware that we are Airbnb hosts and we make it a priority to ensure that our guests do not in any way impact on our neighbours living.

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Vanessa Blagden

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As a self-funded retiree I rely on the income I receive from Airbnb to allow me to travel. I let my whole home while I am away. I closely view the users before I accept them and have strict rules about parties and even keeping the outside lights on after a certain time as I know this annoys my neighbour.

The income I make enables me to travel without withdrawing from my superannuation. I declare anything made to the tax office.

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Catherine Ryan

1530
Dear NSW Government,

I strongly believe in the right of people to share their houses and apartments across New South Wales in a responsible and respectful way, without extreme regulations like caps and costly registration processes. More importantly, as an elderly man, my Airbnb activities keep me occupied and active, offering me a sense of purpose and of living. I get to meet interesting people and keep loneliness at bay. The added income is important to me as I don't receive a pension - nor am I on the dole. Please accept this as a formal submission to the Options Paper.

Why do I host with Airbnb?

The Airbnb host community depends on hosting as an economic lifeline to help us pay the mortgage and the bills. I also recommend my favourite cafes, restaurants and shops so small businesses get a boost from local tourism. Most important, as an elderly male, it gives me a sense of purpose every day - and I get to meet extraordinary people and keep loneliness away.

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Michael Cohn

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I travel to different countries on a regular basis and homesharing is now my preference. It is unique, provides a taste of local life and I get to visit and economically contribute to local cafes and restaurants that I would otherwise not visit. The same goes for tourists who visit Sydney and our many other wonderful places in the country.

Kind regards,

Mathew Paine

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Why do I host with Airbnb?

The Airbnb host community depends on hosting as an economic lifeline to help us pay the mortgage and the bills especially in my retirement. I also recommend my favourite cafes, restaurants and shops so small businesses get a boost from local tourism. Tourism has been killed by the NSW government in Sydney due to arcane liquor licencing laws in the inner & fringe city that has resulted in many restaurants, cafes, convenience stores & licensed premises closing, affecting even the amenity of local residence. Sydney needs tourism and additional spending to bolster failing businesses due to state government short-sightedness.

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Dear NSW Government,

I strongly believe in the right of people to share their houses and apartments across New South Wales in a responsible and respectful way, without extreme regulations like caps and costly registration processes. This extra income enables me to stay in my own home and keep up with the high maintenance costs in Sydney. Please accept this as a formal submission to the Options Paper.

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Robyn Beardsley

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Air B&B have provided us with the much needed income to assist in mortgage repayments without which we would have to sell up and relocate. The Airbnb host community depends on hosting as an economic lifeline to help us pay the mortgage and the bills. I also recommend my favourite cafes, restaurants and shops so small businesses get a boost from local tourism.
We only share our home whilst we are on the premises and this has also provided us with much needed social interaction.

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Tracy Smith

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I am a full time mature aged student who has had a string of bad share house experiences and cannot afford to get a place on my own in Sydney's expensive housing market. Air B&B gives me the opportunity to screen my guests, who are usually short term, and on my terms.

I therefore strongly believe in the right of people to share their houses and apartments across New South Wales in a responsible and respectful way, without extreme regulations like caps and costly registration processes. Please accept this as a formal submission to the Options Paper.

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Kassandra Bossell

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Those who host airbnb in our area are bringing more people to the area, who spend money - it is very very good for tourism. There is not enough accommodation in our area, and Airbnb is making a good difference.

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George Mourtzakis

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Dear NSW Government,

I believe that home sharing creates an opportunity for travellers to experience all that NSW has to offer from the perspective of a local giving them the ability to see different places and to understand more of our people and culture. I believe that this enhances their experience and allows the natural beauty of NSW to be respected more by visitors. Home sharing also allows maximisation of the use of space in larger homes and spreads the benefits of tourism income to a more widespread area. Home sharing encourages the exchange of knowledge and understanding between Australians and people from a huge variety of countries which in turn leads to greater tolerance between people from different cultures and races. This is both interesting for all parties and important for us as a nation.

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I use my home to work in the city and share it on weekends when I am away at our weekender. My property and many of my friends use sharing to share and these are not properties that would usually be rented. We are living lives of our own choice and the Government should not be interfering in our right to freely use our properties as we wish.

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Harriet Jobson

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I appose any change in regulations that will effect home hosting in a negative way as mentioned above. I feel that it is simply another attempt for NSW Government to cash-in by charging unnecessary fees to regulate an industry that has already proven to be successful at self-regulation.

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Thank you for your consideration, Sukie

Sukie Southern

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- Interstate guests setting up new retail paint stores.
- Marketing personnel working with Manly Sea Eagles.
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Chris Cooper

1573
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I am a writer. I have moved from the city, to a quiet regional area that happens to have lovely beaches. There are now no programs to support writers like myself - who’ve spent a lifetime paying taxes so I can be in this position (I’m 50). I do rent out my home through Stayz and AirBnB. In this area, there is no shortage of holiday places. I live here. I do not think that more regulations like caps and costly registration processes are needed. The housing affordability issues have been driven by a chronic undersupply of housing. When I worked (for a large corporate in this area) we estimated the short fall at 180,000 nationally - about the number of new dwellings produced by the industry. Failure of successive governments to ensure supply of housing - while still safeguarding it’s income stream from sales of houses - is unfair. Please accept this as a formal submission to the Options Paper.

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I encourage the NSW Government to follow the lead of South Australia and Tasmania, as well as other cities around the world, which have embraced home sharing and are reaping the rewards.

Paul Boler

1575
Dear NSW Government,

My husband and I are semi-retired, and make a little extra income by holiday letting a self-contained cabin on our property. We are always present during these rentals and in over four years have had no situations that would have adversely impacted on neighbours. I understand that in cases of whole apartment letting the situation may be somewhat different and urge you to consider the whole range of those benefiting from using their property this way before making regulations intended to impact one particular sector. I strongly believe in the right of people to share their houses and apartments across New South Wales in a responsible and respectful way, without extreme regulations like caps and costly registration processes. Please accept this as a formal submission to the Options Paper.

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Belinda Allen

1576
Dear NSW Government,

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Extreme regulations, and red tape like caps and costly registration processes could severely affect my ability to travel using Airbnb and restrict my choices as a traveller. Please accept this as a formal submission to the Options Paper.

Why do I travel to NSW using Airbnb?

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Song Yeoh

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Why do I host with Airbnb?

The Airbnb host community depends on hosting as an economic lifeline to help us pay the mortgage and the bills which is difficult for someone my age (31) who is a first home buyer! I also recommend my favourite cafes, restaurants and shops so small businesses get a boost from local tourism.

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Carmen Atakliyan

1578
Dear NSW Government,

Why do I host with Airbnb?

Now more than ever, in a city that is barely affordable to live in (Sydney), it is essential people find a way to cope with unaffordable housing. One way is to get a flatmate. I am 58 and live alone and, while it is essential I share the cost of my accommodation on economic grounds, I choose not to have a permanent flatmate. I believe all options to achieve this are my right to choose - permanent or not. I choose temporary flatmates through Airbnb. Any legislative attempt to reduce my options to permanent-only flatmates as being permissible and legitimate would be a gross violation of my choice and rights. Please accept this as a formal submission to the Options Paper.

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Dear NSW Government,

I’ve had a look at the proposed legislation on NSW home sharing, and am more shocked than disappointed. Speaking as an Australian, I’m becoming increasingly concerned with our Government’s lack of understanding and general fear with regard to technology and the affordances of the internet. Below are the respectful, fleshed out responses to the (unremarkable) issues raised by home sharing, but I’d first like to highlight that an active resistance to (clearly positive) change is not a healthy position to be held by a government.

The concept of home sharing is so mundane that I can't believe this is occurring. Specifically, the airbnb community are a group of people who actively seek to provide safer, more affordable and better accommodation than local hotels. I highly encourage you to check out the reddit airbnb community (https://reddit.com/r/airbnb) to get a glimpse of how sincerely I mean that. Resources would clearly be far more effective if put to use enforcing rigorous self-regulation.

The technologies that power home sharing, and the potential for homeowners to be involved in their own manner is a technologically incredible movement that this legislation seeks to deny.

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Troy Gercek

1580
Dear NSW Government,

This platform is of substantial benefit to many areas of the NSW economy with no real negatives (except for vested interest groups)
During months of October through to March hotels in Sydney will not be able to fulfill the accommodation requirements for tourist and business travelers.
Home sharing through platforms such as Airbnb provide, an overflow option as well as being able to provide an option other than a standard hotel stay - a definite boost to our economy

Rowen Legge

1581
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Yuliana yuliana

1582
Dear NSW Government,

Most people living in the first world have way too much space in their homes for the people who live there. The chance to share that space is important for three reasons:
1. To earn extra income in a difficult housing environment
2. To learn about other cultures and people building connections between Australians and people abroad and
3. To show hospitality and good hosting to people who come from other cities or countries.
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Rosemary Shapiro-Liu

1583
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I strongly believe the people of New South Wales should have the right to share their homes, in a responsible and caring way, without extreme regulations like caps and costly registration processes. Please accept this as a formal submission to the Options Paper.

Why do I host with Airbnb?

As an Airbnb host, who is also a self funded retiree, my husband are supplementing our income by sharing our house. The income from this exercise helps with our every day expenses and the unexpected extras that all too often come along. I also recommend my favourite cafes, restaurants and shops so small businesses get a boost from local tourism.

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I love to encourage overseas visitors to find all the special places in my region while giving them the hospitality that I experienced in Europe from AirBnB hosts.

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Why do I host with Airbnb? The main reason that got me into hosting was that I was not able to find a flatmate given the high cost of living in Bondi. Yes I can move and find somewhere else to live but would that really make it any easier finding a flatmate? The cost of living in Sydney is ridiculously exorbitant thanx to our governments clear inability to look after Australians and limit the influx of foreign investment and sale of our land. I guess it's all about who is the best at greasing their palms, and I as a Sydney born and bred native, am not able to play the game! So at least grant me this much..

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Nicole Scott

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Kate Burgess

1587
Dear NSW Government,

I strongly believe in the right of people to share their houses and apartments across New South Wales in a responsible and respectful way, without extreme regulations like caps and costly registration processes. My Hosting in Regional NSW provides work for three of my neighbours (one for cleaning, one for Firewood, one for general maintainence). If it this is burdened with regulation it may not be viable anymore and these people and myself will loose an income stream. Please accept this as a formal submission to the Options Paper.

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Andrew Trickett

1588
Dear NSW Government,

I strongly believe in the right of people to share their houses and apartments across New South Wales in a responsible and respectful way, without extreme regulations like caps and costly registration processes. The cost of renting a home in the Sydney area is exorbitant. Multiple governments have sat on the sidelines while house prices and therefore rents (to maintain yeilds) have skyrocketed, whereas the government is happy to reap the benefit in higher stamp duties with no concern for those who have been priced out of the market.

The ability to rent out a home while away on holiday or for work goes a small way to help cover these high rents. Please accept this as a formal submission to the Options Paper.

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Regards

Peter Burton

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