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Director, Housing Policy
Department of Planning and Environment
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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Short-term Holiday Letting (STHL) in NSW Options Paper prepared by the Department of Planning and Environment.

In the Eurobodalla Local Environmental Plan 2012, short-term tourist and visitor accommodation is development without consent. Short-term tourist accommodation is limited to a maximum of 45 consecutive days in any 12 month period.

There has been limited research to date on the impacts of short-term holiday letting on communities. Such research would be valuable to inform any changes to policy or regulation.

Eurobodalla Shire Council will be a participant in the Australian Coastal Councils Association’s (ACCA) research project concerning the impacts of online short-term holiday rental platforms on coastal communities.

Council has received a copy of the ACCA’s submission to the Department and supports its recommendation that the Department allow sufficient time in its deliberations concerning STHL to consider the findings of the research project. Council will be able to make a more detailed and informed submission on this matter once this research project is completed.

If you would like to discuss this matter further with Council, please do not hesitate to contact Council’s Coordinator Land Use Planning Mark Hitchenson on 4474 1314 or by email on mark.hitchenson@esc.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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