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The Treasury
Black Economy Division
Langton Crescent
PARKES ACT 2600

Attention: Kathleen de Kleuver

Dear Treasury Secretary,

I submit that notification of payments by Short Term Letting facilitators to their website members who host short term letting of their homes or apartments, should be reported to the ATO. The ATO already collects information from various sources to create a portal for individual taxpayers. It makes perfect sense that this information is also collected and added to an individual taxpayer’s portal to avoid the non-payment of tax on earnings.

This could be taken further and the information collected used by Department of Fair Trading or other government agency to compile a register of hosts who conduct the commercial activity of short term letting. This would enable monitoring of the STL industry, especially as to compliance with the mandatory fire safety requirements, compliance with the restricted number of days per year of each residence and how many properties are being used for STL by any one individual.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Regards

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