

**ALERT- Short Term Tenants can be the Neighbours from Hell –**

***But this petition may just get something done about it. If you would like to support it, please add your name and address at***

***<https://epetitions.act.gov.au:443/CurrentEPetition.aspx?PetNum=12>***

**BACKGROUND** - One of our members has brought to attention the worsening situation resulting from units adjacent to her home being regularly rented out for short terms, and the frequently riotous behaviour of the renters, as it happens with serious implications for her own family. Accordingly, it is proposed that the attention of the ACT Legislative Assembly be drawn to the social and community problems associated with allowing short-term accommodation in residential apartment complexes. These include the behavioural impact of short-term guests on residents, compromised security and inability of residents to enjoy their own homes due to crowd sourced noise and antisocial behaviour. The petition requests the Assembly to review legislation to allow residential apartments to remain as people's homes not hotels, motels and other short-term accommodation models.

This is not an isolated case, many apartment buildings both here and in other cities are reporting increasing problems with short term accommodation – as witnessed by recent articles in the Canberra Times

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/apartment-owners-move-to-stamp-out-shortterm-rentals-20140712-zt3gm.html> and also

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/new-acton-residents-criticise-noisy-shortterm-neighbours-20140517-zrfze.html> The situation is worsened when the authorities allow the registration of a unit plan where a substantial proportion (or even a majority) of otherwise residential units can be used for commercial purposes.

The petition is pursuing a worthy cause. Members can help by giving it the widest circulation possible. Please do so before 31 August.