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Dear Mr Whittaker

Subject: "Party Houses" on the Sunshine Coast

At a recent OSCAR meeting, the issue of regular and frequent excessive noise levels from properties let for short term stays (STAs) was raised; examples provided could be said to fit the category of "party house".

In order to understand the extent of the issue on the Sunshine Coast and be able to take an informed position to our members, OSCAR is writing to both the Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) and the Noosa Council seeking information from both councils on this matter.

OSCAR would appreciate advice from your Council re the following:

- 1 What is the estimated number of properties let through short-term accommodation (STA) providers in the SCRC LGA?
- 2 How many complaints about STA properties generally and "party houses" in particular have been made to your Council in the last 12 months?
 - a. What is the distribution of such complaints across your LGA's?
 - b. What action has your Council taken in relation to these complaints?
- 3 Is the SCRC aware of the number of complaints made to the police? If so, how many and what is the distribution of complaints across the LGA?
- 4 Is there a joint Council/QPS/STA representative review or task force examining this issue?
- 5 Does your Council have plans to regulate STA's generally and "party houses" in particular?
- 6 Has your Council undertaken a study to determine the contribution of STA accommodation to Sunshine Coast tourism? If so what was the result?

We understand that Cr Tony Wellington (Mayor, Noosa Council) is on a State Government working group examining this issue. Has a date been given for completion of the review?

OSCAR thanks you in anticipation of receipt of answers to the above questions.

Yours sincerely

Greg Smith
President