

My objections are as follows

1. Security and Safety concerns.

I am a qualified and active social worker having just completed three years of employment as the Social and Emotional Well being social worker at a local school within my area. Commencing next semester I will be continuing my Phd studies. This will require privacy, peace, quiet and enjoyment of my home, to enable me to continue with my research which is invaluable to the Darling Downs region as its focus is on men's health within our Darling Downs region.

I chose to return to work three years ago and to put my Phd on hold due to the unending disruptions that had been occurring in Chamberlain street over many years. This requiring me to phone the local police regularly, putting in noise complaints due to unruly behaviour and loud music. This issue has now settled with the selling of several properties in Chamberlain street and thus the removal of several households of tenants who continued to participate in this unruly behaviour. This behaviour included congested street parking with unregistered vehicles and 'house parties' that went well into the early hours. During this time my home was broke into six times making me extremely frightened within my own home as on two occasions the robbers were in my home whilst I was too. These incidences has led me to a psychological diagnosis of Post Traumatic Street Syndrome (PTSD). Forcing me to upgrade security of my home to the highest level at great expense. While I am unable to prove who was responsible for these break-ins it is known that where unruly behaviour exists it creates a beacon for others of similar ilk to engage with others within those homes.

Finally Chamberlain street has been become a quite, peaceful nieghbourhood. Giving peace and enjoyment to not only those in Chamberlain street but also to those in Boland street who were previously affected by the noise, loud music and street congestion of unregistered vehicles and alleged crime (drugs). I in particular have been grateful for the intervention of the local police service for their assistance.

2. Amenity of surrounding households.

The houses in Boland Street that back onto number 12 Chamberlain street are all owner occupied. Number 13 in particular has new owner occupiers who are creating a lovely home with food growing; a young family with a small child with both parents working.

Number 15 Boland Street was recently on the market and is now under offer (I am told) to a young couple who are about to purchase their first home. This property has been advertised as a family home located close to schools, shops and park lands, ideal for first home buyers etc.

I myself recently held a 'meet the nieghbours' in Boland Street with 13 attending an afternoon tea in my back garden. I was finally able to achieve this after living at my address for 18 years, due to the peace and tranquility that this pocket within North Toowoomba, which includes the peace and harmony emanating from both Boland and Chamberlain street. Therefore I am deeply concerned that in regard to this development for 'change of use to short term accommodation' of four occupied bedrooms, has the potential of reverting back to a nieghbourhood of excessive noise, loud music of an abusive nature and 'house parties', unregistered vehicles and crime of its past. This community nieghbourhood is now finally stable and it has taken great effort not only on my part but also of others within the pocket to create a sense of community spirit and looking out for each other. I now

finally feel safe in my own home because there are no longer transient residents in Chamberlain Street.

3. Housing Crisis

During my employment for the past three years at a primary school I learnt a great deal about rental shortages particularly for families with children within the North Toowoomba/ Rockville/Harlaxton area, close to shopping centers and schools.

I assisted families with psychosocial counselling where both parents were working with children going to school who were having to sleep in their cars due to the rental crisis and lack of family homes for rental. 12 Chamberlain street is an ideal home to ease the burden of a family that is in extreme rental crisis. It has been tastefully renovated and can house a lovely family and exists in a lovely quiet and peaceful pocket of North Toowoomba where children of all ages can be students of day care, primary school and high school.

I have in my past been employed as the Tenancy Information Officer for the Department of Consumer Affairs for the Northern Region of NSW. During my tenure of five years most of the complaints that I mediated were rental properties that were 'back packers'. That is properties that had multiple rooms with no owners on site. These properties eroded the stability of the neighbourhoods in which they existed. 12 Chamberlain street has the potential to do exactly that, with tenants coming and going as they please, at hours they please, disrupting the lives of those who live in and around the neighbourhood.

4. Traffic and traffic Congestion. -

Boland Street no longer has right turn access from Ruthven street. To access Boland Street the traffic must flow down Chamberlain street to access Ruthven Street and then Boland Street. Therefore Chamberlain Street has now become more congested with the traffic flow from residents in Boland Street and in addition to those services that service Boland Street. For example tradesmen, age care providers, residents visitors and food deliverers. 12 Chamberlain street will create a situation where more people will be traversing Chamberlain street with their vehicles, parking has the potential to create a problem, particularly where you have couples in each room with their own vehicles; meaning the potential for an additional eight vehicles congesting Chamberlain street.

5. Economic cost

This change of use to accommodate short term rental of four bedrooms will impact other businesses within the proximity of Chamberlain street that are already suffering due to the current economic downturn and cost of living affecting tourism and transients to our 'Garden City', these include: The Ambassador Motel on Ruthven street less than 200 meters from 12 Chamberlain street, others in the vicinity include The Royal Hotel, and Northpoint apartments. These are businesses that do not affect the ambiance of the neighbourhood of Chamberlain and Boland Street. In addition 12 Chamberlain street will compete with these already established businesses who employ multiple staff and pay tax. These businesses offer accommodation to transient tourists and workers in other words short

term rentals. These businesses do not need further competition particularly when 'investors' will be absent and not living on site. I have made attempts to stop at 12 Chamberlain street since the erection of the sign for change of use. I have been unable to discuss this proposal with the investor. Like many investors this appears to be 'out of sight and therefore out of mind'.