

Inquiry into the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Tourism and Events Sectors

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YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

Our business relies on tourism to provide us with work for our business. We operate an RACV breakdown service in Orbost and the area we cover is vast (Nowa Nowa to 12klms past Cann River on the Princes Hwa, to the NSW border on the Monaro Hway past Cann River, to Goongerah on the Bonang Hway and to the NSW border past Buchan on the Snowy River Hway). The main areas that we were effected by was the Princes Hway, and in particular the border closures. We attend broken down vehicles that are travelling east to NSW and also vehicles that are travelling West from NSW. We have noticed that we are down 31% over that time. The flow on effect on this apart from the loss of income from the call outs is: a loss of work in the workshop, loss of resulting recoveries, so to a small business like ours that usually has a turnover of @ \$950k it has resulted in a loss of @ \$150k. This is a huge impact. Without the small grants given by the state government and then the great incentive from the federal government in the Job-keeper scheme, we would have been in deep financial trouble. But we were able to keep our doors open and more importantly keep all of our employees and sub-contractor in a job. Thanks to the government for their help.

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