

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

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Organisation Name:
Your position or role:

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

I own a company that works exclusively in the events sector. We build temporary structures such as stages, viewing platforms, signage structures and so fourth. Prior to COVID19 the business has grown steadily and healthily since its inception in 2012. We work across Australia and regional Victoria on events such as concerts, festivals, major sporting events, community events, fun runs, exhibitions. At March 12 2020 we employed around 12 permanent and casual staff, provided for many external suppliers such as steel and fabric fabricators, transport companies, engineering firms, labour hire / staffing agencies. For the period April 2020 until December 2020 we did no work in the events sector. During this time we were able to find some work in the construction sector, this helped pay bills and so fourth. Since December we have had some work in the events sector but are still currently operating at less then 50% from the previous financial year.

The business has been eligible for many streams of support from both the federal and state governments. This has been of great help and is very much appreciated. It is however very disappointing to see that industries which appear to be rebounding much faster then the events industry are seeing higher levels of support and recognition then the industry in which we operate. While it is great that high profile business leaders such as those that run airlines are able to get the attention of governments and the media, it is disappointing that the voices and concerns of those with less resources and less profile are not given the attention they require and deserve.

It is hard to understand the challenges faced by other businesses in other industries during these challenging times. It is however a lot easier to gauge a sense of what appears to be fair and equitable.

Things to not appear to be fair and equitable.

Thank-you

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