

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

Mr Tiny Good

Organisation Name:
Your position or role:

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

Dear Members of Parliament,

I have been working as a technician in the entertainment and events industry since I was 15. 40 years this year. I started my company here in Victoria in 1985 assisting amateur theatre and schools to run their shows and in our history I/we have worked all over the world and brought accolades to Victoria, bought goods and services from other Victorian companies, employed and trained a lot of Victorians, not to mention paying a lot of taxes and levies.

Our industry, my company, and my employees, those that are left, need help! we are the first to be contacted for help to raise funds and awareness of others, flood, bushfires, hospital charities, etc., and we always answer those calls, but it feels our position is being ignored.

We are a long way from "back to work". Victoria is a "bad place" for many in our industry, promoters / organisers, and workers alike. Many are leaving for other states, many more are leaving the industry all together.

in the last 2 years nearly all commercial television production has left Victoria, taking with it Millions of dollars in food, hotels, transport, materials, goods, and services, not to mention employment for talent and crew alike. They may never return. Networks used to proudly stamp "made in Melbourne" on many productions, not now.

In the last "circuit breaker" my company lost \$28,500.00 in work that we had in other states, we employed others from NSW and QLD to deliver our commitments. We had given our word, as Victorians, to deliver. We can not travel over seas to work. We have lost \$850,000 AUD in contracts for 2021, and could not bid on \$2.2AUD more, as we can't go there to deliver.

Next time you watch TV, go to a sporting event with screens, PA, music, or catering, listen to the radio, drive past theatres, arenas, galleries, or Schools. see children dancing or singing with their friends, think of us, and now imagine it all gone!

Thank you for your time and your thoughts.
What does a healthy, happy Victoria mean?.

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