

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:

Our organisation has been around for over 60 years taking tourists, local communities and school groups into the Australian bush to push their boundaries and creating unique learning opportunities. Our business was forced to shut down our mobile base camps in QLD, NSW and VIC in order to save overheads and remain cash flow positive. Without JobKeeper payments the company would have been heavily in debt, however we have still not returned to pre-COVID income levels. Now that JobKeeper has finished, unless Australians are encouraged to get back out there and support domestic tourism and large scale school programs, more redundancies may have to be made. In Dec 2019 we employed over 100 staff and now employ 30. We are struggling to find skilled staff and hire new employees as many have moved out of the outdoor education/tourism field to other work. There is a national shortage of guides and field instructors at the moment as many changed industries when outdoor centers closed down due to COVID last year. We ask you offer more incentives and grants to boost confidence in the outdoor tourism industry, entice field workers to remain in the outdoor industry and support training and Tafe courses for future guides.

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