

TTF FEDERAL BUDGET SUBMISSION 2020

REBUILDING THE VISITOR ECONOMY IS CRITICAL TO AUSTRALIA'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY

TOURISM INDUSTRY SNAPSHOT – PRE-COVID-19

The Importance of Tourism to the Australian Economy



646,000 jobs or **5.2%** of Australia's workforce



10% of Australia's exports (**third highest** area for spending from foreigners behind iron ore and coal)



27 million incoming plane seats up **4%** YOY



300 new or upgraded hotels scheduled to open by **2025**



43 cents of every tourism dollar spent in **regions**

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF COVID-19

The tourism and transport industries are currently losing around \$8 billion a month in spend due to lack of international and interstate travel, contributing to a total 470,000 job losses and \$18 billion in lost wages. This figure reached almost \$10 billion per month during the peak of the crisis.



27.2 million infected and **891 thousand** deaths

(As of 8th September 2020)

Covid-19 impact globally



\$3.96 billion per month

(At September 2020)

Average monthly decrease in international tourism spend



Up to 700,000 less people visiting us per month

(At September 2020)

Average monthly decrease in international visitation



\$3.6 billion per month

(At September 2020)

Average monthly decrease in domestic (overnight) tourism spend



6.27 million less Australians taking trips per month

Average monthly decrease in domestic (overnight) visitation



470 thousand

(At September 2020)

Estimated total direct tourism job losses



\$18.8 billion

(Over 2020)

Estimated lost wages and salaries from direct tourism job losses



\$5.7 billion

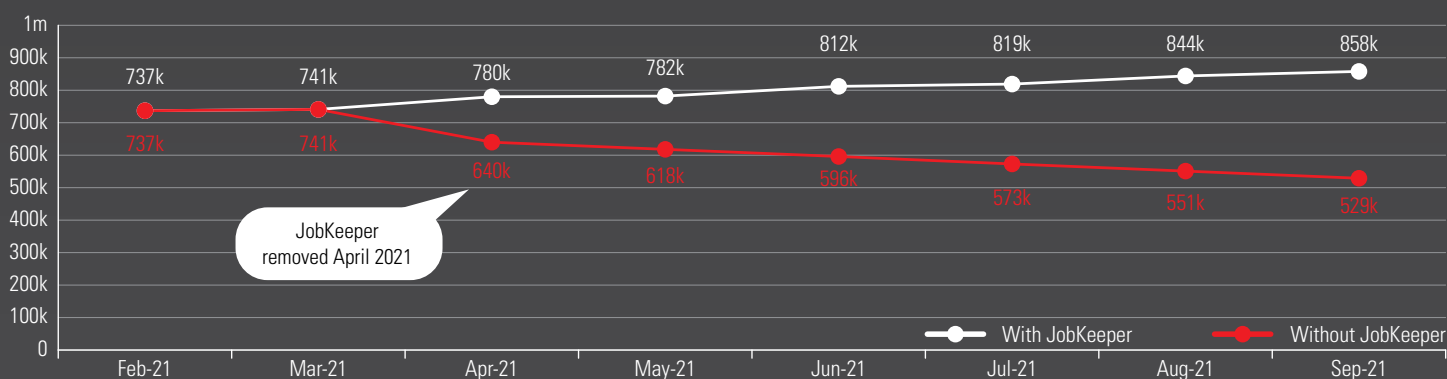
(Over 2020)

Estimated lost PAYG tax contributions from direct tourism job losses

INDUSTRY SUPPORT

In addition to other industry specific packages the JobKeeper subsidy has been a critical lifeline for our industries and kept thousands of our employees connected to their employer companies. Economic modelling completed for TTF and represented in the graph below, however, reveals around 300,000 more jobs could be lost when the current subsidy expires in March 2021.

Australian Tourism & Hospitality Employment Forecasts



SUMMARY

Australia's Visitor Economy is on its knees following the double whammy of the summer bushfires and the COVID 19 global pandemic. Despite significant Government support to date the industry cannot fully recover until full international travel resumes. TTF recommends the following initiatives be funded in the October budget to ensure the survival and long-term sustainability of one of the nation's supergrowth industries.

TTF RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1** A \$50 MILLION FUND FOR A 'COVID-SAFE DOMESTIC TRAVEL CAMPAIGN' TO PROMOTE COVID-SAFE TRAVEL INITIATIVES AND HELP TO RESTORE TRAVELLER CONFIDENCE INCLUDING AT AIRPORTS, ON PLANES, IN ACCOMMODATION AND USING TRANSPORT
- 2** NATIONAL CABINET TO FINALISE A TIMELINE TO SAFELY OPEN DOMESTIC BORDERS IN TIME FOR AUSTRALIANS TO SEE FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS
- 3** AN ADDITIONAL \$10 BILLION TO EXTEND THE JOBKEEPER SUPPORT PROGRAM TO SEPTEMBER 2021 FOR TOURISM, TRANSPORT AND AVIATION SECTORS AND WITH INCREASED PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY FOR REVENUE LOSS AND STAFFING LEVELS
- 4** SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR TOURISM AUSTRALIA OF AT LEAST \$200 MILLION ANNUALLY OVER FOUR YEARS TO REBOOT DOMESTIC TOURISM OVER SHORT TERM AND INTERNATIONAL TOURISM OVER LONGER TERM
- 5** AN ADDITIONAL \$100 MILLION SUPPORT PACKAGE FOR AUSTRALIA'S INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS TO ASSIST WITH REBUILDING THEIR GLOBAL NETWORK AND CITY PAIRS INCLUDING FAST-TRACKING TRANS-TASMAN BUBBLE AND OTHER PRIORITY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL BUBBLES
- 6** A DEDICATED \$50 MILLION AVIATION RESTORATION FUND TO RESTORE ROUTE CAPACITY AND REBOOT FLIGHT FREQUENCIES AND SEAT CAPACITY ON EXISTING ROUTES
- 7** CONTINUED INVESTMENTS IN TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS TOGETHER WITH STATES FROM THE \$100 BILLION TEN YEAR FUND TO DRIVE NATIONAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND CREATE JOBS

TTF REPRESENTS THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES AND THE WIDER TOURISM INDUSTRY

