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Accommodation Sector excited about the future

Australia's Hospitality and Accommodation sectors are looking forward to working with the Albanese Government to advance Labor's election commitment of a \$48 million tourism and travel package including \$10m over two years in training and skills development.

The sector suffered a loss of 40 per cent of the workforce nationally during COVID and this investment will go a long way in helping to attract, educate and re-train 100,000 staff to fill the gap and support recovery.

Quotes from Michael Johnson, CEO Tourism Accommodation Australia:

"I congratulate the incoming Prime Minister and his team and look forward to working closely on issues of vital importance to the accommodation sector such as the current labour shortage crisis.

"We have worked closely in recent months with Shadow Tourism and Sport Minister Senator Don Farrell – and the other relevant ministries - and have developed a strong working relationship.

"We look to seeing the new Government quickly introduce its pre-election commitments including \$10m in support for employment and training and initiatives to promote Australians to work in the tourism, hospitality and accommodation sectors."

Quotes from Richard Munro, CEO Accommodation Association of Australia

"Our members are looking forward to working with the new Albanese Government and recognise and support Labor's election commitments and priorities, especially in relation to the Accommodation Association's "The Hub", our own innovative one stop shop for training, recruitment and upskilling."

"There are a number of economic challenges ahead and it's more important than ever that the private sector work closely with Government as part of the solution to accelerate the visitor economy. This is exactly what we intend to do on behalf of our members."

"We also acknowledge the very strong message made by voters and reflected in Prime Minister Albanese's statements on the importance of advancing and supporting a greater and more balanced role for women and greater diversity including in leadership. We as an organisation support and applaud this."

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