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TAA WORKING TO GET NEW CRUISE SHIP TERMINAL IN SYDNEY UP AND RUNNING

More needs to be done to berth large cruise ships in Sydney, with the nation's peak accommodation body working with the State Government to ensure action is taken on a new cruise ship terminal for Australia's only global city.

Tourism Accommodation Australia CEO Michael Johnson's comments follow the release of an Economic Impact Assessment report by the Cruise Lines International Association and the Australian Cruise Association. The report revealed the cruise industry had shown an 11.2% increase in total value to the national economy to the tune of \$5.2billion in the 2018-19 financial year.

"The Australian cruise industry makes a huge contribution to the tourism and accommodation sectors," Mr Johnson said.

"It's particularly pleasing to see total cruise passenger spending in 2018-2019 increased 17.4% to reach almost \$1.4billion.

"The report also revealed the accommodation sector was the biggest beneficiary from cruise passenger spend, receiving about \$450million or 33.3% of the combined spend.

"NSW still received the greatest share of direct expenditure from the cruise industry but TAA is concerned there will be a flattening out unless Sydney's infrastructure constraints on the industry are addressed.

"While the report shows Australia as a whole remains attractive as a cruise ship destination, and that cities like Brisbane, Broome and Cairns are benefiting from infrastructure investment, TAA has real concerns about the need of more berthing space in Sydney.

"We will continue to work closely with the Australian Cruise Association and the NSW Government to ensure action is taken to develop new berthing facilities in Sydney."

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