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JOBKEEPER AGILITY RESPONDS TO COVID VOLATILITY

Tourism Accommodation Australia (TAA) have welcomed the Federal Government's announced changes to the JobKeeper Payment Scheme, saying the amendments will ensure more workers remain gainfully employed throughout Australia's hotels.

TAA CEO Michael Johnson said the Government was responding to the unpredictable nature of COVID-19 with agility, helping to boost confidence within the accommodation industry.

"TAA have continued to make the case to Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Treasurer Frydenberg that amendments to the scheme were necessary to ensure more businesses were eligible through what are clearly a highly volatile few months," Mr Johnson said.

"Today's announced changes will increase the number of businesses who can access the scheme and keep their workforce engaged."

"These are reasonably minor adjustments that will deliver major benefits and we commend the Federal Government for their ongoing agility in responding to COVID-19."

"We know that Australia's accommodation industry has been one of the hardest hit sectors as a result of the pandemic and the next few months remain highly precarious."

"We will continue to work cooperatively and collaboratively with Government to secure outcomes that keep hotels afloat and workers in gainful employment during this unprecedented crisis."

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