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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

Inquiry into Opportunities and Methods for Stimulating the Tourism Industry in Northern Australia

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Tropical Cyclone Debbie Disrupts Visit to North Queensland

In the aftermath of Tropical Cyclone Debbie and the expected clean-up, the Committee has cancelled its hearing and inspection program in North Queensland.

The Committee Chair, the Hon Warren Entsch MP, stated, 'Our thoughts are with those people who have suffered the consequences of Tropical Cyclone Debbie and the ensuing clean-up and rebuild along the Capricorn coast. Tourism operators, who are usually small business owners in Northern Australia are often at the mercy of extreme weather events such as Tropical Cyclone Debbie. I am certain the resilience and strength of the population will ensure the area will bounce back in the near future.'

Information about the Committee's *Inquiry into Opportunities and Methods for Stimulating the Tourism Industry in Northern Australia*, including the terms of reference is available on the Committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/jscna.

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