

Submission Number 3

An investigation of workplace issues and tourism needs to explore the transient nature of many tourism activities, and the transient/seasonal nature of the tourist workforce.

Seasonal work has a propensity to attract workers who sometimes will have some drug and alcohol abuse vulnerabilities. The lack of permanency in work reinforces some of these vulnerabilities for some of the workers.

Further, some seasonal and tourism related work revolves around holiday and celebration themes and further resonates with drug and alcohol use/abuse behaviours.

Caring services (eg social, community, welfare and faith based services often see an influx of people presenting with various needs, and situational crises during seasonal work periods (both peak times and also at beginning and end of seasons).

Therefore a discussion about tourism and its sustainability needs to also factor in adequate resourcing of non government agencies and communities resources who traditionally assist the seasonal tourism workforce.

MyHealth Australia would be pleased to provide further expert opinion in regard to this matter, should the committee be interested to explore this matter further.

Yours sincerely

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