



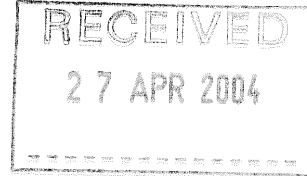
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The Secretary
Senate Economics Legislative Committee
Room SG 64
Parliament House
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Dear Secretary,

Tourism Australia Bill 2004

Thank you for inviting the Australian Hotels Association to review the Commonwealth Government's Tourism Australia Bill 2004.

Unfortunately, due to the late notice, I have not had the opportunity to discuss the details with my executive. However, as a member of the National Tourism Alliance we defer to Mr Col Hughes' submission as one that reflects the spirit of our support.

Furthermore, the Australian Hotels Association has been supportive of the Commonwealth's recent Tourism White Paper and has worked closely with the Hon Joe Hockey MP to ensure that all sectors of our industry are recognised by the Commonwealth as interdependent.

We remain committed to the view that research and data collection by the Commonwealth is fundamental to the ongoing profitability of our industry. We also concur with the spirit of the Bill that the Government's leadership in this regard will be more transparent and effective with the amalgamation of the existing Government bodies.

If you require any further comments from the Australian Hotels Association, please do not hesitate to contact me on the telephone number listed above.

Yours sincerely

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