

Inquiry into the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Tourism and Events Sectors

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Organisation Name: Myles Audio Visual Melbourne Pty Ltd

Your position or role: Director

YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

We supply audio visual equipment and services to business events primarily through our hotel partners. The business events sector has been extremely hard hit from Covid19. On March 13th we saw all of our bookings in front of us cancelled. We are a small business turning over just in excess of \$1M per year and watched as over \$100K was deleted from our system within 24hrs. Initially people were optimistic keeping bookings for the following months and towards the end of the year in the hope that this would pass, as we all know it did not. We did 5% of our normal turnover between April and November even with taking on virtual events for the clients that were still keen to get their message out but most people understand the value of face to face meetings and decided to wait it out. Over the past 4 months we have been doing between 20 & 40% of our normal revenue, no where near enough to pay our bills and our staff especially once job keeper ends next week. As long as government restrictions are in place that make our business unviable, a business that's been successful for the past 21 years, we need government assistance. This assistance is useless in the form of tax rebates and instant write offs, we don't have the money to spend. We need wage assistance and honestly money to pay the rent and bank loans for equipment that hasn't been used in 12 months. If the government is not confident in handling breakouts enough to eliminate the restrictions then there should be no issue in providing on going support for our industry.

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