

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

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**Organisation Name:** Phaseshift Productions

**Your position or role:** Director

### YOUR SUBMISSION

**Submission:**

To Ministers in charge,

I am the Director of Phaseshift Productions, which has been involved in entertainment lighting for over 35 years. Our major source of income is supplying lighting equipment and staff to the Concert, Stage and Festival sector of the entertainment industry.

We have been decimated by the COVID19 Pandemic where 100% of our confirmed jobs were either cancelled or postponed indefinitely. Even with the easing of restrictions throughout Victoria, we are still down 95% of our annual turnover compared to previous years.

I believe that the Government needs to recognize our industry as a whole contributes millions of dollars that goes back into the economy and creates a vast number of jobs.

Long term, we need to have a scheme similar to Job Keeper, to enable employers to keep their business running and retain their existing staff.

This would also help with their mental wellbeing and self worth.

We urge the government to take a serious look at our industry and recognise it for what it is worth.

### FILE ATTACHMENTS

**File1:**

**File2:**

**File3:**



**Signature:**

Lawrie Videky