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[REDACTED], as the peak national body for tourism organisations is keen to support tourism development the facilitates jobs growth, economic growth and industry investment in the tourism, entertainment and hospitality sectors.

In recent times, given the COVID 19 pandemic, very few businesses have been in a position to invest in the visitor economy. The proposals advanced by The Star Entertainment Group, including two new hotels, two new theatres, and a significant number of new bars, restaurants and cafes certainly represent the investment in product that our sector needs so badly. It is only through rejuvenation such as this that Australian tourism will make a recovery from the depressed state it has experienced over the last two years.

We believe these investments will stimulate activity in our industry while also supporting the continued development of the local area as a tourism, hospitality and entertainment hub consistent with Government objectives.

The Star Entertainment Group is to be commended on its confidence in the future of Australian tourism to the extent that a \$1 Billion infrastructure investment is justified. [REDACTED] is pleased to offer its support for this necessary and important investment in the visitor economy.

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