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REGIONAL TRAVEL GREAT NEWS FOR ACCOMMODATION HOTELS BUT MORE IS NEEDED

The state's leading tourism accommodation body has welcomed news regional areas of NSW will be re-opened for travel from 1 June, 2020, but TAA NSW CEO Michael Johnson said more needs to be done to boost the regions.

“Regional travel being allowed again is fantastic news for accommodation providers and Tourism Accommodation Australia NSW congratulates the State Government - in particular Tourism Minister Stuart Ayres - on this move,” Mr Johnson said.

“However, more needs to be done to ensure once we get people back out to our regions they are able to do more of the things they see as a natural part of a holiday.

“Enjoying a meal out is something almost all travellers enjoy.

“The Government needs to be looking at safely lifting more restrictions on dining - particularly those in areas which have never had a case of COVID-19.

“It doesn't make sense that a large venue with multiple rooms on multiple floors is restricted to 10 people for the entire premises - the same as a small café.

“Before making a booking, potential tourists will also want to know they can get a meal and a drink.

“Hotels in the regions are excited to finally see travel opening up again and have been provided with the TAA NSW re-opening check-lists on how to re-open safely.”

Mr Johnson also said Sydneysiders should be considering a night out in their own city.

“A CBD stay is definitely OK,” he said.

“There are no longer restrictions on a stay in a Sydney hotel.

“For Sydneysiders who are seeking an overnight escape from home after weeks of being locked-in there's been no better time to treat yourself to a night in a local hotel!”

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