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HOTEL INDUSTRY PRAISED BY GOVERNMENT FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

National CEO Tourism Accommodation Australia (TAA) Michael Johnson has welcomed praise from both NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney Stuart Ayres, for the contribution made by hotels in the fight against COVID-19.

The hotel industry was quick to offer its support earlier this year when the pandemic first hit Australia.

Since the end of March when travel quarantine was initiated in a bid to help contain the spread of COVID-19, 13,000 people have self-isolated in hotels across the state, including 1,059 families with children housed in serviced apartments.

“We are certainly proud of what our industry has been able to contribute in the fight against COVID-19 by stepping up and assisting with quarantine measures and medical accommodation in this unprecedented situation,” Mr Johnson said.

“Like many industries and individuals, hotels and staff were required to adapt quickly and with short notice.

“It is pleasing to see our industry’s ability to meet the high-level of logistical challenge with such success, and more pleasing still, to hear such warm praise from our government leaders.”

Hotel staff have worked tirelessly to accommodate quarantine guests, providing more than 30,000 meals and implementing strict hygiene and cleaning regimes.

“At present 3,637 people are still in hotel quarantine accommodation and we will continue to support wherever we can in the fight against this pandemic, as we await a return to business,” Mr Johnson said.

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