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HOTEL LEADERS GET LEGAL AND INDUSTRIAL UPDATE

Tourism Accommodation Australia NSW hosted leading hotel industry Human Resources Managers yesterday for a Legal and IR update on the legal and industrial changes effecting the sector's post-COVID recovery.

TAA NSW and National CEO Michael Johnson said the AHA/TAA legal team briefed the group in person at TAA NSW headquarters in Culwulla Chambers, Sydney with member hotels from regional areas joining in via Zoom.

“These updates are an opportunity to gain insight from our Legal and Industrial Affairs team at a time when there is on-going uncertainty in our industry's short and long-term future,” said Mr Johnson.

“With city lockdowns and border closures we struggle to forecast the next month's revenue, let alone the next year, and managing our human resources is equally as challenging.”

The briefing covered casual employment amendments in the Hospitality Award, the Annual Wage Review, the TAA NSW 2021 Seminar Program and an update on superannuation changes by Colleen Norris -National Account Manager for Hostplus.

Mr Johnson also outlined the Association's advocacy work on skilled and temporary migration and other support.

“Our industry is still very vulnerable, with international borders still closed, state borders under constant threat and consumer confidence scarred,” he said.

“We have had some good success with the recent announcement of accommodation vouchers for Sydney and we are actively working with the Federal Government on Skilled and Temporary Migration – which is critical to give us immediate support for our labour shortages.

“We are working with the Federal Government to try and get our International Students cohort back into the country and with the NSW Government on reducing hotel costs like liquor License fees that have just been issued and due for payment in May.”

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