

# NATIONAL JOBS AND SKILLS SUMMIT

## A TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY SUMMARY

The 2022 National Jobs and Skills Summit brought together industry, employers, civil society, unions and government to address shared economic challenges.

As the Queensland tourism industry's voice to government, QTIC attended the National Summit, where key concerns impacting the nation's tourism and hospitality sector were addressed. QTIC highlighted measures that must be taken to drive the revitalisation of our visitor economy.

The Summit delivered several immediate measures that will help ease some of the skills pressures impacting Queensland's tourism sector. In this fact sheet, we outline key Summit initiatives that speak directly to the challenges faced by our state's tourism and hospitality industry.



# STRENGTHENING THE MIGRATION SYSTEM

- ✓ Increase the permanent Migration Program planning level to 195,000 in 2022-23 to help ease critical skills shortages.
- ✓ Provide \$36.1 million in additional funding to accelerate visa processing and resolve the visa backlog.
- ✓ Extend the relaxation of work restrictions for student and training visa holders until 30 June 2023 to help ease skills and labour shortages.

## FEE-FREE TAFE COURSES

A \$1 billion one-year National Skills Agreement that will provide additional funding for fee-free TAFE in 2023. ✓

Accelerate the delivery of 465,000 additional fee-free TAFE places, with 180,000 to be delivered next year. ✓

## REDUCING BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT

- ✓ Provide age pensioners with a temporary upfront \$4,000 income bank credit to allow them to work and earn before their pension is reduced.
- ✓ Provide additional funding to the Australian Bureau of Statistics to strengthen information on the barriers and incentives to work through the Labour Force Survey.
- ✓ A Visitor Economy Disability Employment pilot to deliver place-based employment outcomes by connecting small businesses, employment service providers and job seekers with disability.