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THUMBS UP FOR TOURISM TAKING A HIGHER PROFILE

The increased profile of the tourism portfolio in the new Turnbull ministry is an extremely positive development, according to Australia's accommodation industry.

Speaking on behalf of the industry, the Accommodation Association of Australia said having tourism as both a Cabinet portfolio and in the outer ministry should translate to a greater level of understanding of the public policy challenges which are confronting the tourism industry.

"The Accommodation Association congratulates the Turnbull Government on its re-election," said the Association's Chief Executive Officer, Richard Munro. "In particular, the industry welcomes the tourism portfolio being added to the existing responsibilities of the Hon Steven Ciobo MP.

"Mr Ciobo has been a strong supporter of tourism - both as a Cabinet Minister and as an elected representative of one of Australia's iconic tourism regions, Queensland's Gold Coast - and we look forward to continuing to work with him for mutually beneficial outcomes.

"The industry is pleased with the appointment of Hon Keith Pitt MP as Assistant Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment.

"Mr Pitt has been a fierce advocate for regional Australia - where many of our members are based - and we trust he will continue to maintain this passion during the upcoming term of Parliament.

"The Accommodation Association would like to recognise the outgoing Minister for Tourism and International Education, Senator the Hon Richard, Colbeck, for his tireless work and enthusiasm in the portfolio."

The Association also looks forward to working with the shadow minister or ministers who responsible for tourism, once they are confirmed.

"In terms of policy implementation in the next Parliament, the accommodation industry supports the proposal the Government took to the election to cut company tax," Mr Munro said.

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"Tourism accommodation businesses with a turnover of more than 2 million dollars have not had a tax cut for many years and pursuing this policy will assist with building business and consumer confidence, as well as boost employment in our industry."

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