

YOUR INDUSTRY ADVOCATE



Represents the interests of over 45,000 cafes, restaurants and catering businesses in Australia

1) Payroll Tax

R&CA is constantly lobbying State Governments around Australia to reduce the burden of payroll tax. Significant increases to the payroll tax threshold have been announced in NSW (\$750,000 to \$1m) and South Australia (\$600,000 to \$1.2m) during the most recent state budgets. Queensland also announced a 12-month extension of its 50 per cent payroll tax rebate to businesses employing apprentices. Tasmania and Victoria have announced payroll tax incentives for businesses in rural and regional areas.

2) Red Tape Reduction Programs

Following R&CA's advocacy, the NSW Government has announced that the *Easy to Do Business* program reducing the number of forms required to set up a café or restaurant businesses will be expanded. The ACT Government also announced in its 2018-19 Territory Budget the establishment of the One-Stop Café program requiring a single online form when starting a new business. R&CA also successfully lobbied Liquor & Gaming NSW to exempt cafes and restaurants from the freeze on new liquor licences in the CBD and Kings Cross precinct and had alcohol sales data reporting requirements on Kings Cross licensed premises overturned.

3) Addressing Burdensome Regulation

R&CA successfully lobbied the Victorian Government to introduce a uniform set of food safety measures across all 79 State Councils as part of its *Small Business Regulation Review*. R&CA is currently

sitting on a Industry Working Group to deliver this important outcome. In Western Australia, R&CA assisted the State Government in drafting legislation which would allow restaurants and cafes across the State to serve alcohol without a meal.

4) Delivering Training and Skills

R&CA successfully tendered with the Federal Government to help deliver the Industry Specialist Mentoring for Australian Apprentices (ISMAA) to improve apprenticeship retention rates. R&CA has appointed 12 specialist mentors in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and the ACT. At a state level, R&CA has been selected as a tenderer to deliver liquor licensing training to over 10,000 on-premises venues in NSW. In South Australia, the State Government has also announced the establishment of a \$60 million culinary school for excellence as part of its election commitments.

5) Improving Business Operating Conditions

R&CA is committed to working with government stakeholders to reduce the cost of doing business for cafés and restaurants. As part of the 2018-19 Federal Budget, the instant asset write-off allowing cafés, restaurants and catering businesses claim purchases of equipment up to the value of \$20,000 was extended. R&CA's support for the program was expressed in the Bill. R&CA also sits as part of the ATO's 2018-19 Small Business Stewardship Group where it advocates for major tax reform for the benefit of the industry.

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