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WES SAYS INDUSTRY WILL FEEL EMBOLDENED

- after Tasmanian Reshuffle

Wes Lambert, the CEO of the Restaurant & Catering Association, said cafes, restaurant and catering businesses in Tasmania would feel emboldened by assurances from Premier Hodgman, that his new majority Liberal Government Ministry would “continue the job of maintaining the momentum in our State, and investing for growth.”

“Premier Hodgman, Treasurer Gutwein and the Tasmanian Liberals should be applauded for their economic record which in 2017-18 had delivered the State’s fastest gross state product growth in a decade.”

“This year Tasmania is on track for an impressive 5.2% growth, the best in the Commonwealth.”

“We welcome Michael Ferguson’s appointment as Small Business Minister and look forward to working with him in his new role; as well as the Deputy Premier, Jeremy Rockliff, in his work in education and training; Guy Barnett as Minister for Energy, and the Premier as Minister for Tourism, Hospitality and Events to ensure the Restaurant and Catering Industry can play their part in ensuring every Tasmanian shares in a growing and prosperous State.”

“As elsewhere in Australia our industry’s operators, many of which are family and small businesses with fewer than 20 employees, face many challenges in Tasmania, particularly with costs rising faster than revenues.”

Mr. Lambert concluded that he was convinced “these challenges would best be served by working with a united and stable Hodgman-led government, unthreatened by personal ambitions, which had seen Tasmania prosper since 2014.”

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