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R&CA CALLS FOR RENT ABATEMENTS TO SAVE RESTAURANTS, CAFES & CATERERS

Restaurant & Catering Australia (R&CA) CEO Wes Lambert has called on landlords across Australia to offer rent abatements to restaurants, cafes and catering companies to help them stay open during the coronavirus pandemic.

Mr Lambert said that the restaurant, café and catering industry is suffering the effects of the coronavirus with travel bans, lack of consumer confidence and economic uncertainty hitting hard and rent abatements were an important way to keep businesses open and trading.

"We have previously welcomed stimulus measures that help soften the blow felt by small business in our sector, but it is clear that more is needed to help keep restaurants, cafes and caterers doors open.

"One clear problem being faced by business owners across the country is rent bills that are sitting on their desk and need to be paid despite trade in some places dropping by as much as 80 – 90 per cent.

"That is why R&CA is today asking members to write to their landlords asking for rent abatements to assist them in keeping their businesses running.

"We are calling on landlords, wherever possible, to partner with our industry to keep businesses making coffees, cooking meals and providing the world class hospitality they can by providing rent abatements to get businesses through these uncertain times".

"A closed business is a closed business and this is the worst-case scenario for everyone across the hospitality sector."

R&CA is the peak industry association representing the over 47,000 restaurants, cafes and caterers across Australia.

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