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New Labour Agreement to help hotels cope with shortages

The accommodation sector has welcomed today's announcement of the development of a new template Labour Agreement for the tourism industry.

Tourism Accommodation Australia Managing Director Rodger Powell said the initiative, an outcome of September's Tourism Employment Roundtable, would play a critical role in overcoming the shortages of skills and labour impacting the accommodation sector.

"This initiative was discussed with Minister Ferguson at last year's Tourism Employment Roundtable as something that the industry desperately needs", Mr Powell said.

"Hotels are struggling to fill specialist positions such as trained service staff, bar managers, chefs and hotel managers due to local shortages and the constraints of other working visa categories.

"Having a template Labour Agreement that can be utilised as a starting point will certainly help our members fill positions with specialist skills that are in short supply in Australia at the moment."

TAA will examine the discussion paper and make a submission on the finer details by the March deadline in consultation with hotel operators.

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