



TASMANIAN FARMERS & GRAZIERS ASSOCIATION

Mr M Fitt
Committee Secretary
Senate Economics Legislation Committee
Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

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Dear Mr Fitt

Re: Inquiry into the Working Holiday Maker Reform Bills Package

The Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association (TFGA) appreciated the opportunity to present at the Inquiry into the Working Holiday Maker Reform Bills Package in Launceston on 2nd November 2016.

Clarification was sought during this process as to the position of the TFGA. The TFGA would like to emphatically state that a reduction in the tax rate from 19%, in the proposed amendment, to a lesser rate would be supported by the TFGA. Any measure that will benefit the TFGA's members and our rural communities at large, will be supported. The TFGA implores the Senate Economics Legislation Committee to make these changes, be it 0%, 10.5% or 13.5%, as the cost of not having this labour is far greater than any potential revenue gained.

The economic benefit and value that working holiday makers offer Tasmania's economy is nothing to be disregarded; flexibility, seasonality and affordability are key aspects of this. It is disappointing to say that political posturing only stands to worsen an already difficult situation.

The TFGA, once again, asks that this issue be dealt with in a timely fashion.

If you have any further questions, please contact the TFGA.

Kind regards

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