



JOINT COMMITTEES

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE**

**Inquiry into Australia's tourism and international education sectors**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Wednesday 17 May 2023**

**Anna Rose Room  
TAFE Queensland Robina Campus, 94 Laver Drive, Gold Coast**

| <b>Time</b>     | <b>Witness</b>  |
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| 8.30 am         | <b>International Education Roundtable</b><br>Ms Jennine Tax, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Study Gold Coast<br>Mrs Cheryl Jolliffe, Vice President, Future Students, Bond University<br>Professor Sarah Todd, Vice President, Global, Griffith University<br>Mr Dean Gould, Chief Marketing Officer, Southern Cross University<br>Mr Troy Yue, Chief Executive Officer, National Institute of Education and Technology (NIET) Group Pty Ltd<br>Mr Pablo Carpio, Director, Owner, The Language Academy<br>Ms Kylie Cooper, Acting Executive Director, Study Queensland Directorate                   |
| 10.00 am        | <b>Mayor's Student Ambassadors Roundtable</b><br>Ms Mary Shanice Saavedra, Mayor's Student Ambassador 2022, Study Gold Coast<br>Ms Mrisha Upadhyay, Mayor's Student Ambassador 2023, Study Gold Coast<br>Mrs Nikol Slynkova, Mayor's Student Ambassador 2021, Study Gold Coast  |
| <b>10.30 am</b> | <b>Break</b>  |
| 10.45 am        | <b>Australian International Student Tours</b><br>Ms Tanya Ferguson, Director  |
| 11.15 am        | <b>Major Events Gold Coast</b><br>Mrs Jan McCormick, Chief Executive Officer  |
| 12.00 pm        | <b>The University of Queensland</b><br>Dr Gabby Walters, Associate Professor in Tourism   |
| <b>12.30 pm</b> | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| 1.30 pm         | <b>International Tourism Roundtable</b><br>Ms Karen Bolinger, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Destination Gold Coast<br>Mrs Sarah Colgate, Board Member, Destination Gold Coast; and Head, Strategic Relationships, Hot Air Balloon Gold Coast and Cairns<br>Ms Adrienne Readings, Chair, Destination Gold Coast; and General Manager, Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre<br>Mrs Amanda Byrne, General Manager, Aviation Business Development, Queensland Airports Limited<br>Ms Lauren Horner, Brand Manager, The Tour Collective<br>Mr Greg Yong, Chief Executive Officer, Ardent Leisure |
| <b>3.00 pm</b>  | <b>Break</b>  |

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| 3.15 pm | <b>Tourism and Industry Roundtable</b><br>Ms Gayle O'Brien, General Manager, Queensland Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport<br>Mr Nick Elliott, Group Executive, Corporate and Industry, Tourism and Events Queensland<br>Ms Melanie Anderson, General Manager, Strategy & Advocacy, Queensland Tourism Industry Council<br>Dr Esther Anderson, Senior Research and Policy Officer, Queensland Tourism Industry Council<br>Ms Maxine 'Rhonda' Appo, Indigenous Program Manager, Queensland Tourism Industry Council |
| 4.15 pm | <b>City of Gold Coast</b><br>Ms Tanya Lipus, Manager of City Economy<br>Mr Darren Stewart, Manager of City Projects   |
| 5.00 pm | <i>Close</i>  |