

To Whom It May Concern,

I am very pleased to learn that there is a Senate Inquiry into Australia's readiness for extreme weather events. I work in the tourism industry and specialise in crisis management - preparation, response and recovery - for tourism businesses and regions. As you're aware, the tourism industry can be devastated when fires, flood, pest plagues and other events destroy and / or close businesses and regions, cutting off a vital economic lifeline to regional communities.

I urge the Senate to consider the interests of the tourism industry and their requirements to prepare for and respond to extreme weather events. Many tourism businesses are not prepared to cope with these types of events, having not really been required to do so in the past. It is a changing physical and operating environment that businesses should be supported to adapt to.

Best regards,

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