



Member Newsletter

Sept 2005

STRATEGIC FOCUS FOR THE NTA

At its Board meeting in August, the NTA adopted a Strategic Plan which determines a number of priorities for the work of the NTA, as follows:

Tourism White Paper (TWP) Implementation -

ensure the delivery of outcomes consistent with the TWP and deliver for the industry. This includes issues such as accreditation, research and industry intelligence.

Sustainable Funding – develop a case for sustainable funding for the industry beyond the current TWP funding period.

Industry Profile - engage with a broader range of Departments to ensure that government officials and parliamentarians understand the importance of the industry.

Labour Force Issues - identify short term solutions and longer term strategies in areas such as skills shortages, immigration, education and training in the context of the broader workplace relations issues.

Taxes and Charges - monitor and assess the impact of issues such as GST, Superannuation Guarantee Levy, Passenger Movement Charge (PMC), Noise Levy, Fuel Levy, airport pricing, and so on.

Annual Pre-budget Submission to the Federal Government - take a co-ordinating role for an industry-wide response to ensure that all relevant key tourism issues are addressed.

Health and Security Issues - monitor key issues for their impact on the tourism industry and make representation to Governments to protect the interests of the industry.

TREASURY REVIEW OF TOURISM SHOPPING ARRANGEMENTS

The Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer, Mal Brough MP and the Minister for Small Business and Tourism, Fran Bailey MP have committed the Australian Government to review current and future

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Important Dates

NTA Board Meeting - 15 Sept

Members Meeting and AGM - 23 Nov

NTA Board Members

Col Hughes - Chairman
Mike Hatton - AFTA (Deputy Chair)
Owen Johnstone-Donnet - TTF
Matthew Hingerty - ATEC
Bill Healey - AHA
Mike Cannon - AACB
Daniel Gschwind - QTIC

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administrative arrangements for tourist shopping in Australia. The main purpose of the review is to identify and analyse options for improving the delivery and administration of the tourist refund function and inwards and outwards duty-free shops (including sealed bag arrangements).

The NTA is now coordinating an industry-wide response to this review, which will report to an Industry Panel comprising TTF, ATEC and ADFA. A report to the NTA Board is expected by 30 September, with submission to Treasury by 7 October.

[More details here...](#)

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Australian Duty Free Association
Australian Federation of Travel Agents
Australian Hotels Association
Australian Tourism Export Council

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Hotel, Motel and Accommodation Assoc
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