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Election policies must support businesses as JobKeeper ends

The Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry has called on all parties and candidates to prioritise policies that will support businesses as the JobKeeper scheme winds up.

Chief Operating Officer, Colleen Reardon said that while the business community understood JobKeeper wasn't a long-term solution, there are still businesses that are struggling through no fault of their own.

"JobKeeper was a very successful policy and there are many businesses in Tasmania that will survive the fallout from COVID-19 because of it," she said.

"Now that JobKeeper has ended, it's critical that businesses are supported to rebound, diversify and grow and that jobs are protected. Parties will also need to look at continuing and potentially expanding additional support for affected workers, such as support to help people retrain, upskill and transition into different industries and, most critically, stay in the workforce.

“We know that the end of JobKeeper will have a disproportionately high impact on vulnerable groups, in particular, younger Tasmanians, and we would expect parties to have strong policies to help these cohorts both enter and remain in the workforce.”

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