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Over 60 per cent of Tasmanian businesses want a vaccine passport

A survey of Tasmanian businesses conducted by the TCCI last week has revealed nearly two thirds of businesses asked would like to see a vaccine passport introduced in Tasmania.

TCCI CEO, Michael Bailey, said there was growing support for a vaccine passport system.

“I’m hearing from businesses every day that they have struggled ever since we closed our borders. We can’t live in a bubble forever and we need to work out a sensible way forward that reopens the State, protects the community and supports our economy,” Mr Bailey said.

“We’re calling on the State Government to consult with community and business groups to discuss the vaccine passport proposal and to bring the community with them as we work towards reopening our borders.

“We need a clear plan and we need it now.

“Nearly half of all businesses surveyed said that since the borders closed their turnover has decreased, while one in four businesses surveyed said they had to reduce their employment levels as a result.

“The impacts of the lockdowns in Victoria and New South Wales are really starting to bite Tasmanian businesses with nearly 70 per cent supporting the reintroduction of JobKeeper for the duration of the mainland lockdown.

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“There is a way out of this, but the Government is going to have to engage with businesses and the community and, just like they have done right throughout this crisis, provide the leadership we need.

“The good news for the State Government is the business community clearly backs them to lead Tasmania through this phase of the pandemic with over 80 per cent of businesses surveyed rating the State Government’s handling of the COVID situation as ‘very good’ or ‘good’. Unfortunately the Federal Government doesn’t fare as well, with only 40 per cent rating their performance as ‘very good’ or ‘good’ and 40 per cent rating it as ‘poor’ or ‘very poor’.”

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