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## **TCCI backs tourism calls for certainty to save jobs**

Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry CEO, Michael Bailey, has backed calls by the tourism industry for certainty and support for the thousands of businesses affected by the current border closures.

“As I’ve said before, the problem with living in a bubble is that pretty soon you run out of oxygen,” Mr Bailey said.

“The comments from the tourism industry yesterday are very concerning. We hope the Government will stick to the national roadmap and ease border restrictions once the vaccination rate gets to 80 per cent.

“When the New South Wales Government outlined exactly what it would do when various vaccination targets were reached it was a shot of confidence for the community and the business community in particular. There was light at the end of the tunnel.

“We’re looking for similar clear signals from the Tasmanian Government. When is Tasmania expected to hit the 70 per cent and 80 per cent vaccination targets and what exactly will that mean? What thresholds need to be met before people from Sydney and Melbourne are allowed back into Tasmania? The uncertainty is taking its toll.

“As well as providing a clear path to a new COVID-normal, the Government should work with the business community, including the tourism industry, to provide the support needed to ensure as many businesses as possible can survive until border restrictions ease.”

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