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Call to open Tasmanian Borders from 1st December

The Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Tasmanian Small Business Council have called on the Tasmanian Government to announce an intent to open our borders to all states from 1st December, by which time Tasmania is highly likely to be around 90 per cent double vaccinated.

“Yesterday, the Queensland Government announced they would open their borders from 80 percent double vaccinated, which is expected to be around 17th December”, CEO Michael Bailey said.

“Due to the outstanding work of the Government and of Tasmanians, our vaccination rate is well ahead of Queensland, and we should be at 90 per cent double vaccinated (which is the Premier’s target) before the end of November.

“We shouldn’t keep our borders closed a day longer than we have to. Tasmania’s border to Sydney has been closed since early July, and to Victoria since late August, which has kept families apart and caused a major drag on our business, tourism and hospitality sectors.

“By announcing an opening on the 1st of December, it will provide certainty and lay the groundwork for a bumper summer in Tasmania, particularly for our tourism and hospitality sectors.

“As we all know – we can’t keep Delta out forever. It’s time for Tasmania to safely re-join the world.”

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