



Restaurant
& Catering

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Consultation into South Australian Skills Regulations and Standards
South Australian Skills Commission

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To whom it may concern

I write regarding in response to requests for feedback on the proposed South Australian Skills Regulations and Standards by the South Australian Skills Commission. R&CA is pleased to be able to provide its comments to the commission on behalf of Restaurants, Cafes & Caterers in SA.

Restaurant & Catering Australia (R&CA) is the national industry association representing the interests of over 48,000 restaurants, cafés, and catering businesses across Australia. The café, restaurant and catering sector is vitally important to the national economy, generating over \$38 billion in retail turnover pre-covid each year as well as employing 580,000 people. Critically, over 93 per cent of businesses in the café, restaurant and catering sector are small businesses, employing 19 people or less.

In South Australia there are 2,687 Restaurants, Cafes and Caterers employing nearly 40,000 people.

R&CA delivers tangible outcomes to small businesses within the hospitality industry by influencing the policy decisions and regulations that impact the sector's operating environment. R&CA is committed to ensuring the industry is recognised as one of excellence, professionalism, profitability and sustainability. This includes advocating the broader social and economic contribution of the sector to industry and government stakeholders, as well as highlighting the value of the restaurant experience to the public.

R&CA is both an industry organisation and responsible for the training of apprentices and trainees as an RTO. R&CA is aware that reforms have been underway in South Australia to develop a more responsive, flexible training system, that is easy to navigate and geared towards workforce needs.

R&CA has been supportive of previous reforms enacted in SA including the establishment the South Australian Skills Commission and a South Australian Skills Commissioner, as well as streamlining employer registration.

R&CA believes that the updated regulations and standards, which will replace the current Training and Skills Commission Guidelines are sensible and fit for purpose.

Conclusion

R&CA appreciates the opportunity to provide comment to the South Australian Skills Commission on the proposed South Australian Skills Regulations and Standards. If you have any questions or wish to discuss R&CA's views in more detail, do not hesitate to contact R&CA's Head of Policy, Government & Public Affairs, Tom Green on 0448 781 213.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Wes Lambert', written in a cursive style.

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