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## R&CA WELCOMES THE COALITIONS \$20,000 TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESS LUNCHES

After 25 years of advocacy, the Restaurant & Catering Association (R&CA) is encouraged to see that the Coalition has adopted our FBT policy. R&CA is proud to support the Coalition's proposed policy to introduce a \$20,000 tax deduction for small business lunches, which promises to revitalise the hospitality sector. This initiative, announced by Opposition Leader Peter Dutton, is a significant step towards alleviating cost pressures on small businesses and boosting spending in hospitality venues across Australia.

R&CA CEO, Suresh Manickam, emphasised the potential positive impact on both small businesses and hospitality venues, stating,

"This policy is a win-win, encouraging businesses to invest in their staff or clients while driving increased patronage and spending at hospitality venues."

This initiative is a direct response to the challenges faced by the sector, in hopes of driving economic recovery. The R&CA is pleased to have advocated on this policy and remains committed to advocating for similar policies that support the growth and sustainability of the hospitality sector while providing essential support to small businesses across Australia.

Finally, we are pleased that the coalition has adopted our policy going into this years election and would encourage the ALP government to also embrace our policy.

Established in 1922, Restaurant & Catering Australia (R&CA) is the national industry association representing the interests of more than 57,000 restaurants, cafés, and catering businesses across Australia.

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