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AHA NSW WELCOMES ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM STATE AND COMMONWEALTH

AHA NSW has welcomed additional financial support measures for hard-hit hotels and their staff announced today by both the NSW and Federal Governments.

AHA NSW CEO John Whelan said a number of hotels - previously excluded from support - would now benefit from the changes to JobSaver at the State level, and increases to the NSW COVID Disaster payments to \$750.

“Today’s changes to JobSaver are desperately needed as many hotels were ineligible for support under the earlier scheme,” Mr Whelan said.

“All hoteliers are really struggling to keep their businesses – and the livelihoods of their thousands of staff – afloat and this will help many,” Mr Whelan said.

“We also welcome the Morrison Government’s increase of the NSW COVID Disaster payments today – it will help ease the burden on workers in our sector doing it tough right now through no fault of their own.

“It very pleasing the State Government and Commonwealth are listening to the hotel industry and both recognise the dire situation our sector is in.

“Hotels in NSW have been closed down for more than 120 days and counting during the various lockdowns. We have not been able to operate at more than 50% capacity for 17 months. Unfortunately the bills keep coming in.”

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