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Research Director

Finance and Administration Committee

Parliament House

Alice and George Street

Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Research Director

Re: Consultation into the *Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015*

The Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) welcomes the invitation from the Finance and Administration Committee to comment on the *Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015*.

QTIC supports the Government's commitment to restoring the Labour Day public holiday to the first Monday in May, and moving the Queen's birthday public holiday to the first Monday in October.

QTIC is the State peak body for tourism in Queensland. The voice of tourism, QTIC represents the interests of the tourism industry, including business operators, Regional Tourism Organisations (RTOs) and sector associations. Public holidays play an important role in our industry, not only from an employment point-of-view; tourism is one of the largest employers in the state, but also from a business operations perspective. Public holidays create recreational opportunities and generate demand spikes for many tourism businesses.

QTIC conducted an online survey of its members to assess the potential impacts of moving the Queen's birthday public holiday to the second half of the year. We found strong support from the industry with 80 per cent of respondents supporting the move. Our members were also asked to select their preferred date to move the Queen's birthday public holiday and the most popular date selected, the first Monday in October, matched the date put forward in this Bill.

For all enquiries regarding the points raised in this letter, please contact me or the QTIC Policy Team on (07) [REDACTED]

Kind regards

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Daniel Gschwind

Chief Executive

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