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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Falls Creek Chamber of Commerce we would like to provide input on the proposed "Backpackers Tax".

Our Chamber Members run accommodation and restaurants in Falls Creek a Victorian Seasonal Ski Resort.

Every season our members have problems filling casual positions and our members heavily rely on International travellers who have the appropriate working visas.

Our season runs from June to October so it's difficult to find Australian workers who only want to work only for 4-5 months, this is where the international travellers fill the gap.

Of our membership, 90% use some international travellers. These International traveller's not only fill vacant positions but provide excellent productivity and work ethic.

If the proposed "Backpackers Tax" gets introduced it will definitely have a dramatic effect to our casual seasonal workforce and in turn will impact the commercial operators in our resort.

In closing the Falls Creek Chamber of Commerce strongly disagree with the new "backpackers Tax" and we request that the decision makers take into account the impact on our industry.

Yours Truly



Brett Williams
President
Falls Creek Chamber of Commerce