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## **To the Prime Minister**

I have read today's press statement about the new tourism support package. To a small operator like myself it seems to benefit only selected sectors and certain areas ... such as airlines and main tourism hotspots.

What about the struggling small coach tour sector?

We rely on people to book a tour and go by coach to see all the areas in between flight destinations. Anybody out of the areas mentioned in your press statement will still struggle to get by. Coach touring takes people everywhere. We use motels, hotels, local businesses and tourist facilities in cities and regional areas off the beaten track, and outside the big, established tourism areas.

Your media release only lists 13 tourism regions that will benefit from government spending. All other tourist operators outside these areas will miss out.

In other words, this looks like it's only for a certain few and bugger the rest.

My suggestion would be to make travel vouchers available to those wanting to travel to be used however they want, on planes, trains, coach tours, etc.

Another sensible idea would be to wait until the vaccine has been rolled out properly so everyone can enjoy travel. Between April and October many people still will not have been vaccinated. I've struggled to keep my small business going this past year, and another COVID flare up would be devastating.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope you consider my position and I look forward to your response.

Regards

Brett Parker  
Owner, Aust Wide Tours

## **About Austwide Tours**

Aust-wide Tours has been operating for over 20 years offering day and extended holiday tours. From our Adelaide base, we provide clients the opportunity to travel the country with tours to all states of Australia.

We offer genuine care and personal service, where we always the customer first. Specialising in tours for mature travellers and seniors, we offer value for money, luxury coaches and a wide range of departure options.

***Friendly service in 5-star luxury coach touring***