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## **Wallmans Lawyers partner with Key Tourism Body**

Wallmans Lawyers is delighted to be the exclusive provider of legal services to the key industry body for tourism operators in South Australia, the SA Tourism Industry Council (**SATIC**). In addition to a key advocacy role, SATIC manage the tourism accreditation program, the South Australian Tourism Awards and the annual SA Tourism Conference.

SATIC boasts 650 members across South Australia, assisting a wide range of accommodation providers, tour operators, cellar doors, restaurants, information centres and many more.

The new partnership, which also sees Wallmans Lawyers supporting key SATIC events, is an exciting partnership for the firm, which has a key specialisation in the tourism industry with a team of over 10 advisors assisting tourism businesses with all facets of operations and management.

Trevor Edmond, Managing Partner at Wallmans Lawyers comments "Wallmans have an extensive client portfolio in the tourism and hospitality sector, assisting a wide range of hotels, wineries and cellar doors, caravan parks, accommodation providers and local government tourism entities with the full range of legal needs. The partnership is a perfect fit for Wallmans. As a proud South Australian organisation, we feel we have an acute understanding of the issues faced by operators in this sector. "

As a full service law firm, Wallmans will offer an integrated team of experts in key areas which may affect tourism operators, such as commercial and contract law issues, leasing and licensing, hospitality issues, employment and workplace relations, planning and construction and dispute and risk management.

With extensive experience in the industry, the firm will also offer SATIC complimentary legal services to assist operators with their business issues, such as a free legal advice line and training and development seminars. The free advice line will be open to members as a first port of call to discuss potential or 'live' legal issues.

Key contacts for the organisation's members include Partners, Michael Kay and Ben Allen, who have been listed in the prestigious *Best Lawyers in Australia* list for their work in the employment sector and hospitality sector respectively. Leading Property and Commercial Partner James McEwen, will also be a key contact for members, assisting with a wide range of commercial, property and contract issues.

Stuart Livingstone, Acting Chairman of SATIC, states "We welcome Wallmans Lawyers as SATIC's new legal service partner and we look forward to enhancing this relationship over the next year. SATIC has been interested in the possibility of bringing a local law firm into its





fold for some time. We are very pleased to have access to a South Australian based firm with significant expertise in tourism law and the support the alliance will bring to SATIC members."

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## **About Wallmans Lawyers:**

Wallmans Lawyers is an established multi-practice commercial firm, providing an integrated team of nationally recognised leaders with extensive knowledge of key industry sectors. Comprising a full service team of 90 staff, Wallmans have a reputation for understanding their clients business, their objectives and goals, whilst ultimately providing solutions that are cost effective and commercial.

## **About SATIC:**

SATIC is South Australia's peak tourism body, a non-government, independent organisation built on member input to represent and further the interest of South Australia's tourism industry.

SATIC's role is to engage the tourism industry in all processes that shape SA's tourism future and to facilitate a positive business environment that brings the diverse industry together.



