
Re: ABS research [SEC=OFFICIAL]

7 messages

John Morgan <[REDACTED]>
To: c [REDACTED]

Wed, Jan 18, 2023 at 3:07 PM

Dear David,

Thank you for your query regarding commissioned research undertaken by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), in follow-up to the statement within the submission to the Byron Shire short term rental accommodation planning proposal (<https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/resources/pac/media/files/pac/projects/2022/12/byron-shire-short-term-rental-pp/referral-from-dpe/attachment-12--correspondence-from-a-perfect-stay-to-minister.pdf>) referring to commissioned ABS data.

We assume that this submission is referencing the Economic Impact Analysis report prepared by Urbis, available at the Byron Shire Council website: https://byron.infocouncil.biz/Open/2022/02/OC_24022022_AGN_1467_files/OC_24022022_AGN_1467_Attachment_9681_1.PDF. The authors of this report use and reference publicly accessible ABS data sources. The ABS has not undertaken any research into this topic and did not have any direct involvement with the production of this report. The methodology undertaken by Urbis is described within the report, including where and how ABS data sources have been used.

Regards,

John Morgan*Director (A/g) – Partnership Models*Household Income and Expenditure Data Branch | Macroeconomic Statistics Division | **Australian Bureau of Statistics**(P) [REDACTED] (E) [REDACTED] (W) www.abs.gov.au**To Whom It May Concern,**

Following is a link to a document that is available on the NSW Independent Planning Panel where the author has written to the NSW Planning Minister Mr Anthony Roberts claiming that they commissioned research to be undertaken by the ABS to examine the effect of a 90 day cap on short term rental accommodation in certain areas of Byron Shire. They claim that if a 90 day cap was applied, then there would be a loss of \$267m per year to the Byron economy and 1468 jobs would be lost. The author of the document also claimed that Travel Research Australia undertook similar research. I have written responses from Travel Research Australia denying that they have undertaken any research of this nature.

<https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/resources/pac/media/files/pac/projects/2022/12/byron-shire-short-term-rental-pp/referral-from-dpe/attachment-12--correspondence-from-a-perfect-stay-to-minister.pdf>

Would you please confirm or deny whether this research has been undertaken by the ABS

Regards,

David Wallace



david wallace [REDACTED]

Fwd: Tourism Online enquiry [SEC=OFFICIAL], see reply from Tourism research Australia regarding figures BDB uses

david wallace [REDACTED]
To: Michael Lyon [REDACTED]

Sat, Feb 11, 2023 at 5:15 PM

Michael, after a search I found the email from TRA to Sabine

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From: **Sabine Muschter** [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Oct 10, 2022 at 11:17 AM
Subject: Fwd: Tourism Online enquiry [SEC=OFFICIAL], see reply from Tourism research Australia regarding figures BDB uses
To: david wallace [REDACTED]

BINGO again, they use data as it suits them... I asked Aslan to add this to the article as it is an important information...see if they do...

Anfang der weitergeleiteten Nachricht:

Von: Tourism Research <[REDACTED]>
Betreff: RE: Tourism Online enquiry [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Datum: 10. Oktober 2022 um 9:42:03 AM GMT+11
An: Sabine Muschter [REDACTED]

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Hi Sabine

With the International Visitor Survey (IVS) and National Visitor Survey (NVS) Tourism Research Australia (TRA) estimates international and domestic visitation and spend for destinations throughout Australia.

These estimates are published in various publications available on the TRA Website, including Tourism Region and Local Government Area Profiles. In addition, visitation and spend data at the destination level is often requested by clients and the public through our Statistical Help Line. TRA has limited control over how its data, once published or released, is further represented.

TRA noted the Byron Bay article as it was published. TRA does not link its data to sensitive issues such as the example in the article and has not made such claims.

Thank you for bringing this use of TRA data to our attention.

Kind regards


Coralie Palmeri | Tourism Statsline - Principal Adviser

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From: Sabine Muschter <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 7 October 2022 3:14 PM
To: Tourism Research <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Tourism Online enquiry [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hello,

Thanks for your reply. I would really appreciate your response. I have researched this topic with an SCU team for many years and we got various research papers published around this topic.

Kind regards,

Dr Sabine Muschter

The ByronDeservesBetter group uses this statement in all their publications, I can send you various articles in recent papers.

On the <https://www.byroneservesbetter.com> it says that under

Why will this hurt the Byron Bay economy?

According to Tourism Research Australia, when you remove families who stay in holiday homes in Byron Shire, as will happen if the 90 day cap is imposed, Council will jeopardise 1,448 local jobs and remove \$267 million from the local economy.

Sabine Muschter

Mobile Germany: [REDACTED]
Mobile Australia: [REDACTED]

Am 07.10.2022 um 2:21 PM schrieb Tourism Research <[REDACTED]>:

OFFICIAL

Hi Sabine

Can you let me know exactly where you found this sentence please. We have many publications.

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, 5 October 2022 10:52 AM

To: Tourism Research [REDACTED]

Subject: Tourism Online enquiry

The following information has been submitted from the Tourism Research Australia:

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Name: Sabine

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Last name: Dr Muschter

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Email: [REDACTED]

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Phone:

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Organisation: former SCU researcher of impacts of STR Byron S.

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Business Type: Other

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Question: I would like to know on which grounds/studies TRA came up with this: 'TRA's national & international visitor survey show that the 90-day limit would hurt the local economy by \$267 million per year..this could put up to 1,448 direct jobs... and so on

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