

Dear Committee,

Firstly I would like to thank Mr Yaz Mubarakai for the invitation to make a submission.

I have been working with many community organisations and would like to raise some concerns that we face in our daily life.

International Education

WA has become the most popular destination for students from India. We are getting numerous enquiries seeking help for accommodations and other related helps, please not the following issues

- Please advice universities to provide at least first 3 months accommodation
- Direct Flights from different states of India
- Cheaper health insurance for students
- Job opportunities post study and while studying
- Easier Visa process

Tourism

My family has a small tourism business back home in the southern part of India, the state called Kerala. The state of Kerala known as **God's own Country** and its one of the most popular tourist destinations, we are seeing an increasing number of tourists from Europe but not from our Region. Australian's would love to travel, also WA is becoming a popular destination for Indian tourists. I would like to suggest following points for better tourist growth bilaterally.

- On arrival visa for Indian passport holders
- Direct flights from India, especially from southern part of India
- Affordable entry tickets for international tourists
- Hold Annual Tourism Fairs
- Support for cultural events to promote tourism
- Form a permanent Committee to improve bilateral relationships and hold regular public symposium

Once again thank you for providing the opportunity and I am happy to be involved in improving bilateral relationships .

kind Regards
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