### THE TOURISM ECONOMY

#### PRESENTATION TO VICTORIAN CARAVAN PARKS ASSOCIATION

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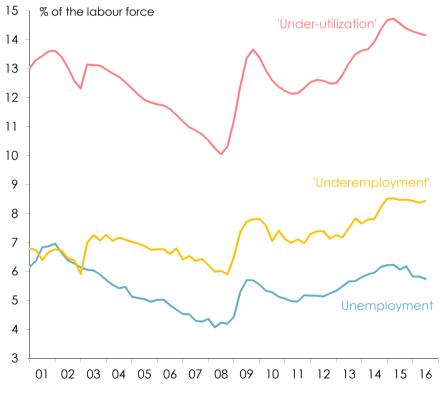
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# Growth in the Australian economy has slowed since 2011, while unemployment and 'under-employment' have increased

## Growth in real output (GDP) and income (GDI)

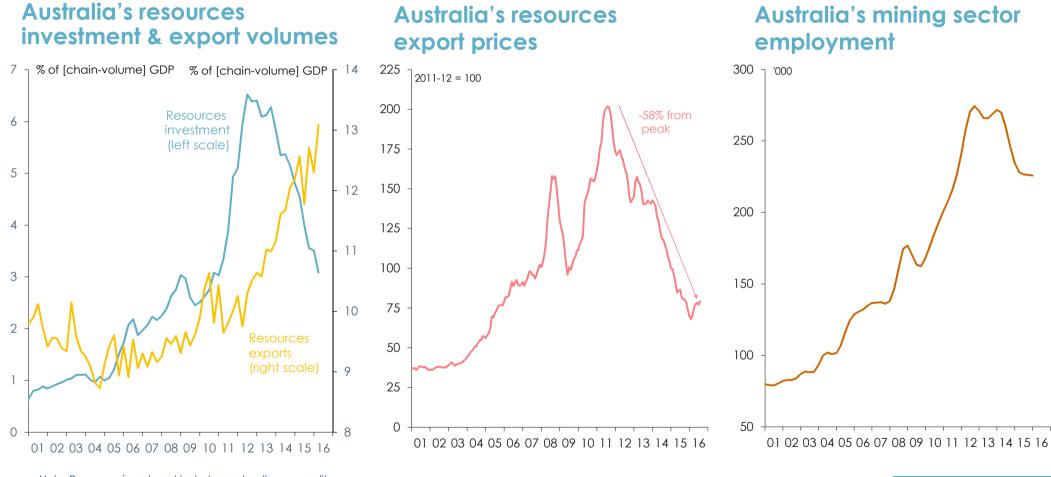
# Real % change from year earlier Real gross domestic product (GDP) Real gross domestic product (GDP) Real gross domestic Income (GDI) -4 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

#### Unemployment, 'under-employment' and 'under-utilization' rates



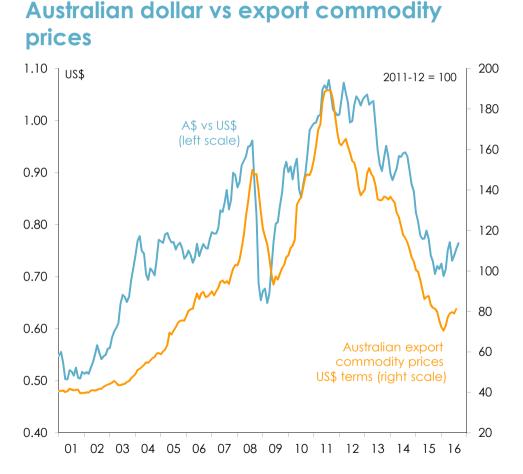
Note: Real gross domestic income (GDI) is real GDP plus gains or losses arising from changes in the ratio of export to import prices (the terms of trade). 'Under-employed' workers are those who would like, and are available, work more hours than they actually did in the week when the labour force survey was conducted. The 'under-utilization' rate is the sum of the unemployment and 'under-employment' rates. Source: ABS.

# Between 2005 and 2015, the 'resources boom' was the major driver of Australian economic growth – but that boom is now over



Note: Resources investment includes exploration expenditure. Source: ABS.

#### After being pushed above parity with the US\$ during the 'mining boom' the A\$ has now returned to more competitive levels



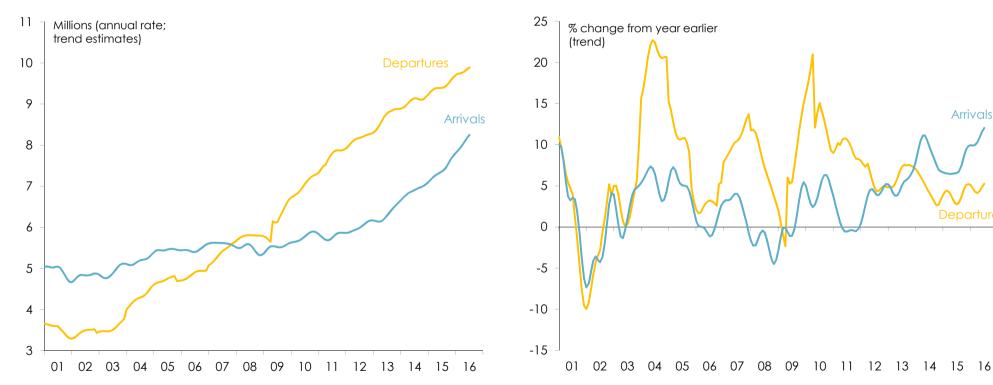
#### Australian dollar vs 'spread' between Australian and US interest rates



Sources: Reserve Bank of Australia; Thomson Reuters Datastream.

#### The sharp rise in the A\$ between 2002 and 2011 was a big negative for Australian tourism, but it is now starting to recover

#### Short-term visitor arrivals to and departures from Australia



#### **Annual growth rates**

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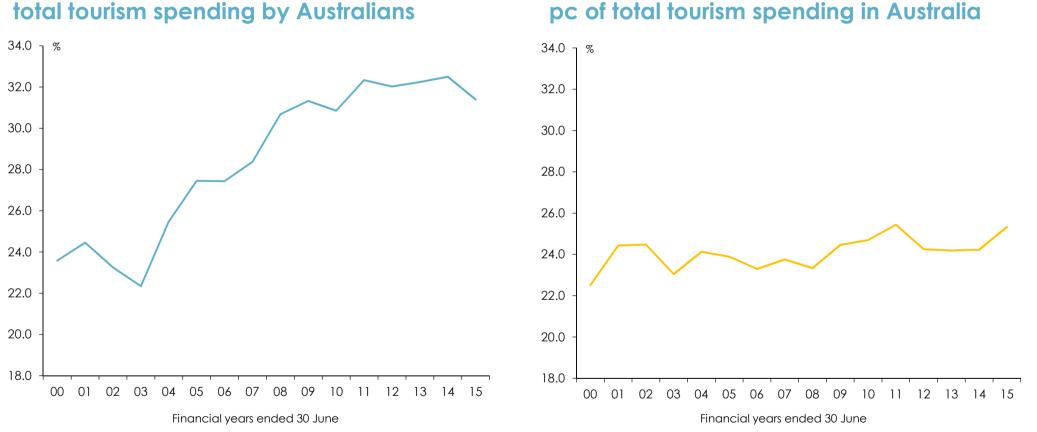
Arrivals

Source: ABS.

Levels

# As the A\$ rose, Australians spent more of their tourism dollars overseas, while the international share of Australian tourism spending stagnated

Spending by international visitors as a

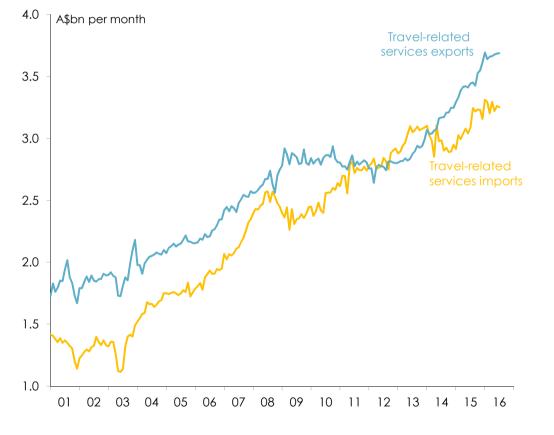


Domestic tourism spending as a pc of total tourism spending by Australians

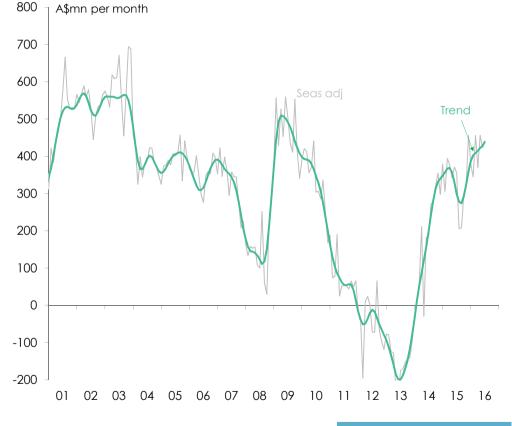


#### Australia's tourism trade balance swung into deficit when the A\$ was above parity with the US\$, but it is now back in surplus

#### Travel-related services exports and imports



#### Travel-related services trade balance

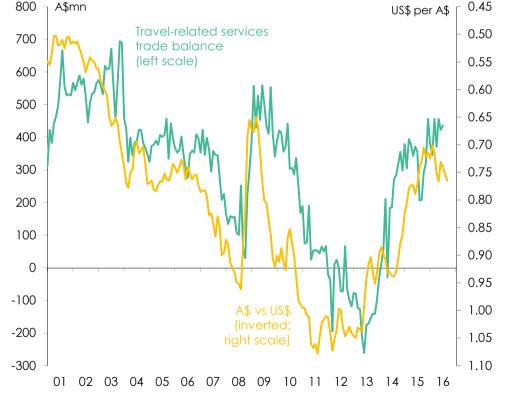


Source: ABS.

#### There's a very strong link between the exchange rate and the balance on Australian travel-related services trade

#### Balance of trade in travel-related services and the Australian dollar

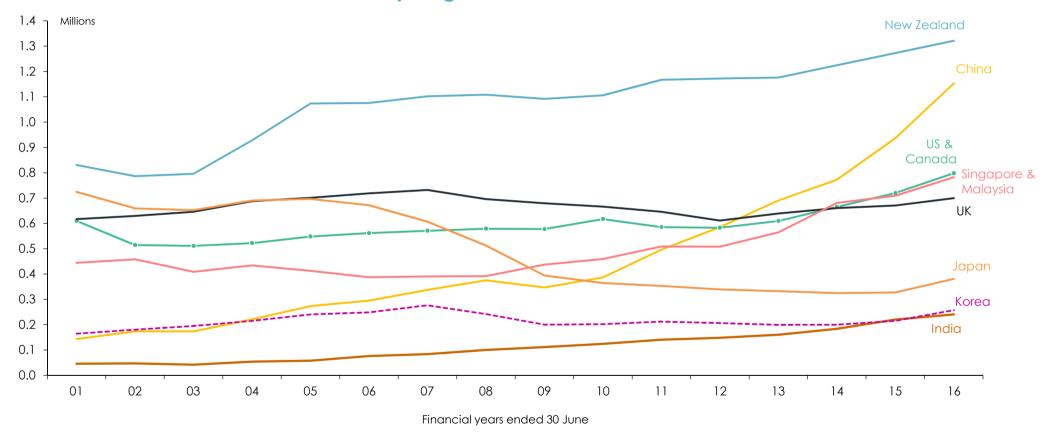




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# Strong growth in visitor numbers from China has been unaffected by fluctuations in the exchange rate

International visitors to Australia, by origin



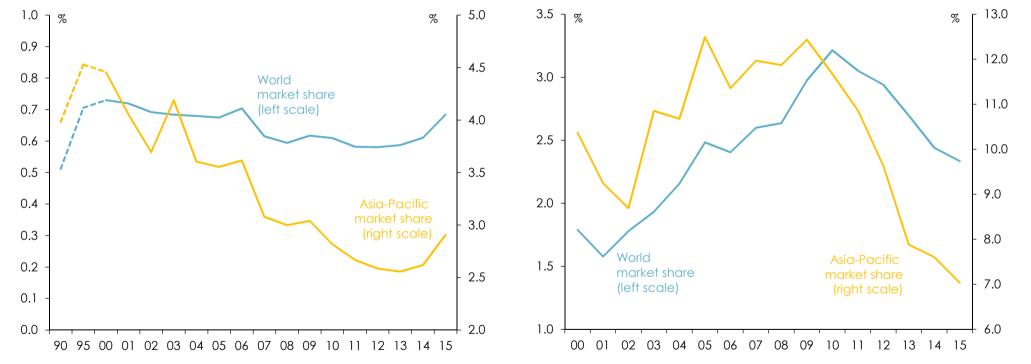
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#### Australia's tourism industry has lost 'market share' over the past six years

#### Measures of Australian tourism's 'market share'



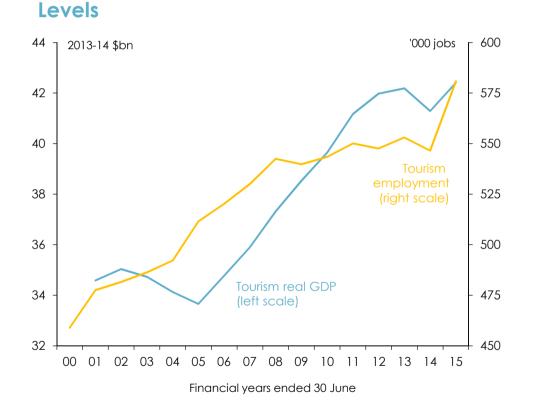




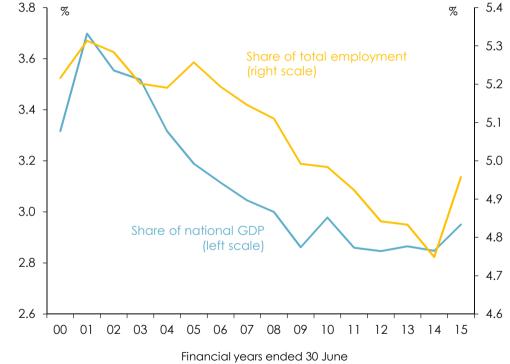
Source: United Nations World Tourism Organization, Tourism Highlights (various years).

# The tourism sector shrank in relative if not absolute terms during the 'mining boom' but is now starting to come back

#### Tourism industry 'gross product' and employment



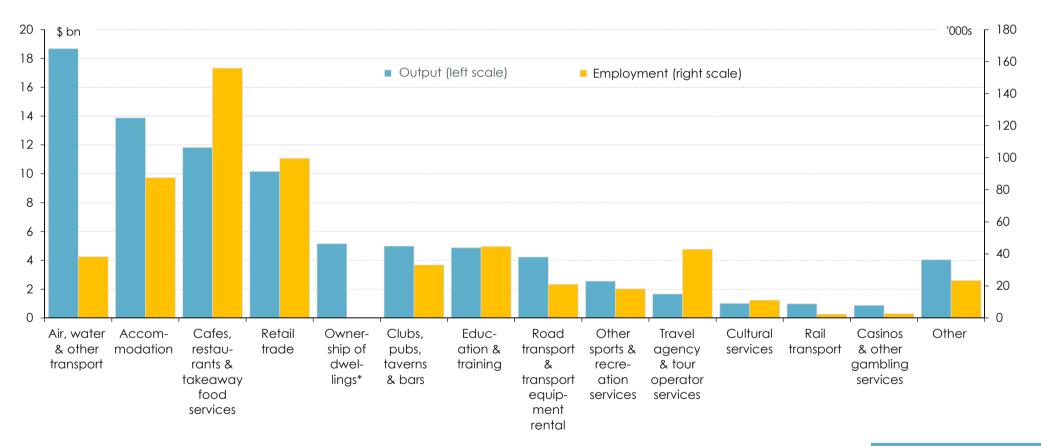
#### Shares of national totals



Source: ABS Tourism Satellite Account 2014-15.

#### The tourism industry is spread across a number of different sectors

#### Tourism industry output and employment by sector, 2014-15



Source: ABS.

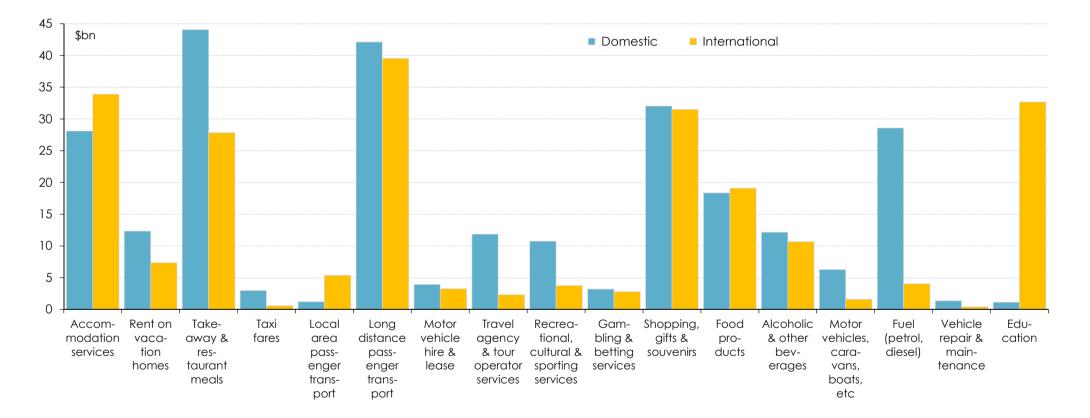
Just under <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of tourism spending by Australians is in Australia, and a similar proportion of tourism spending in Australia is by Australians

#### Spending on tourism in Australia, Tourism spending by Australians, 2014-15 2014-15 International visitors Domestic spendina Australian on domestic **Domestic** spending households travel on overseas travel government

Source: ABS, Tourism Satellite Account 2014-15,

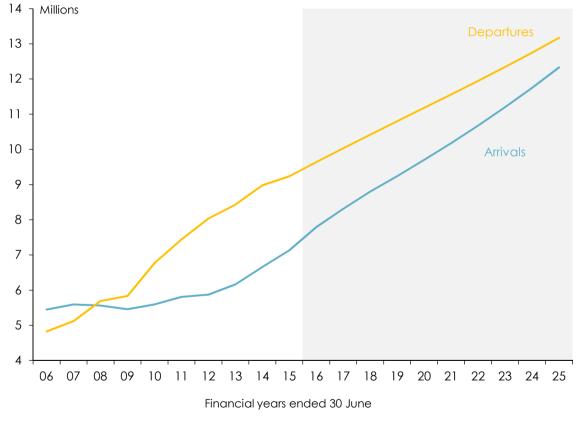
# There are some important differences between domestic and international visitors in terms of spending patterns

#### Spending by domestic tourists and international visitors, by 'product', 2014-15



#### Inbound arrivals are expected to continue growing faster than outbound departures over the next ten years

Forecasts of international visitor arrivals and Australian outbound departures, 2015-16 to 2024-25



- Australian overseas departures are forecast to increase by 3.6% pa between 2014-15 and 2024-25
  - down from an average of 3.6% pa between 2005-06 and 2014-15

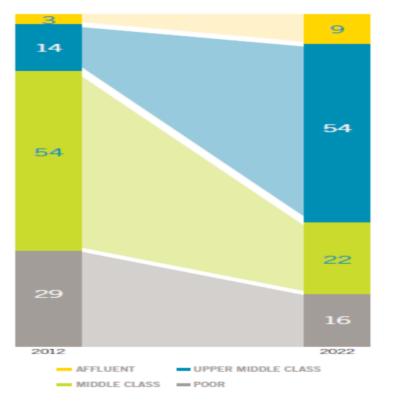
Source: Tourism Research Australia, Tourism Forecasts 2016.

International visitor arrivals are forecast to increase by 5.6% pa between 2014-15 and 2024-25

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# Demand and capacity factors are important influences on the profile of international visitor numbers to Australia

## China's increasingly affluent population



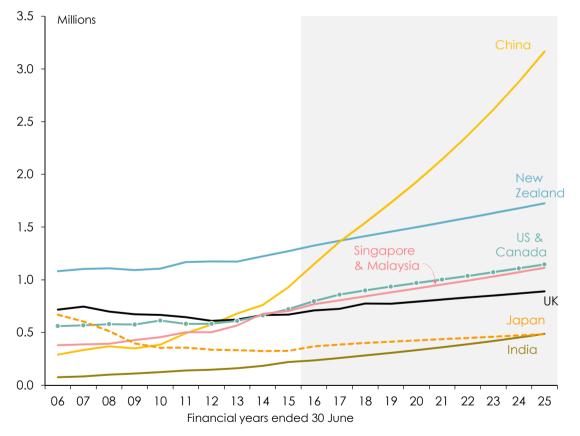
## Aviation seat capacity into Australia, 2007-08 to 2024-25



Sources: Tourism Research Australia, Tourism Forecasts 2016; McKinsey & Co., Mapping China's Middle Class, June 2013; Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport & Regional Economics and Airport Co-ordination Australia

# Chinese tourists and students will account for almost half the increase in overseas visitors to Australia over the next decade

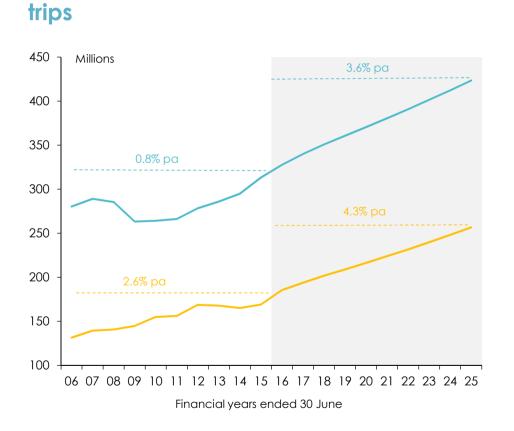
Forecast international visitors to Australia, by origin



Source: Tourism Research Australia, Tourism Forecasts 2016.

- Chinese visitor numbers are expected to increase by an average of 13% pa over the next decade
  - representing 43% of the forecast increase in total visitor numbers over this period
  - by 2024-25, more than one-quarter of all international visitors to Australia will be from China, up from 15% in 2015-16 and 2.5% in 1999-2000
- India will be the second-fastest growing source of visitors, rising by more than 8% pa over the next decade
- New Zealand, North America and Singapore-Malaysia will each account for about 8% of the forecast growth in visitor numbers over the next decade

# Domestic tourism is also forecast to grow much more rapidly over the next decade than over the past one



Forecast domestic visitor nights and day

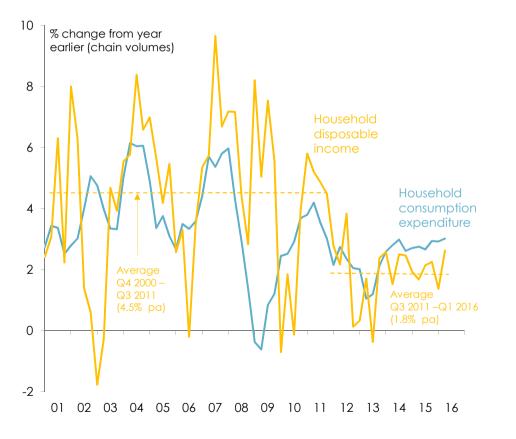
## Forecast domestic visitor nights by category of visitor



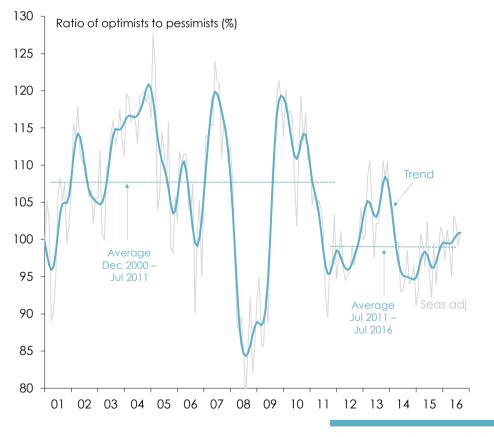
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# Household income and consumer confidence are, along with the exchange rate, important influences on domestic tourism

#### Household disposable income and spending



#### **Consumer confidence**



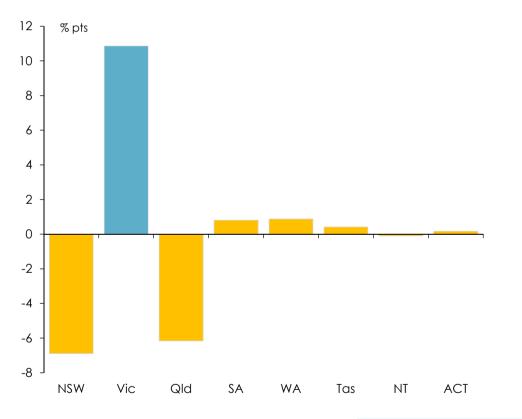
Source: ABS: Westpac Bank & Melbourne Institute.

#### Victoria has been attracting a growing share of international visitors

#### Pc of international visitors who spent 'most time' in Victoria



## Change in 'market share' of international visitors, 1995-96 to 2015-16

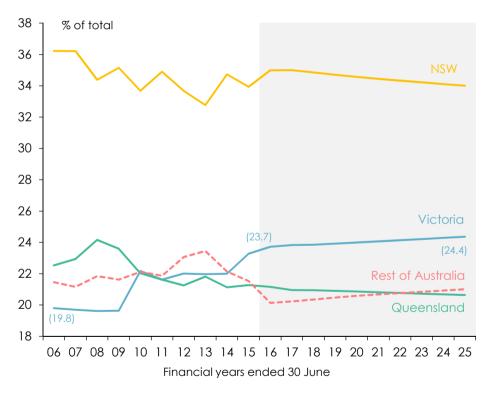


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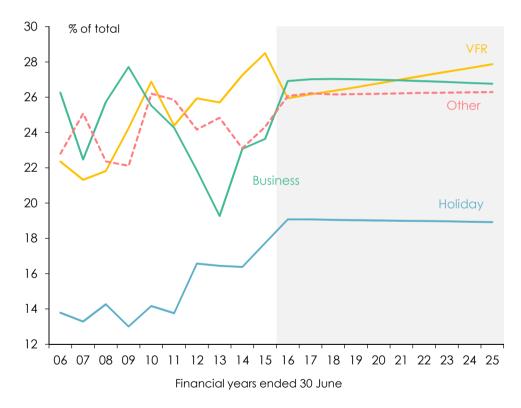
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#### Victoria's international 'market share' is expected to continue rising ... but only because of growth in people visiting friends and relatives

## State 'market shares' of international visitors



## Victoria's 'market share' of international visitors, by category

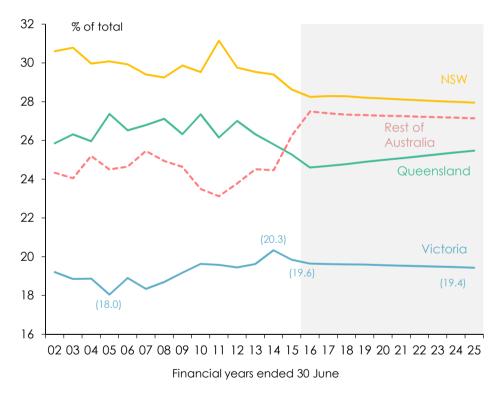


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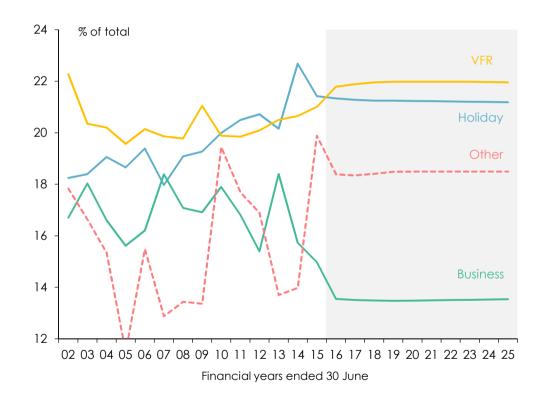
Note: 'VFR' is visiting friends & relatives. 'Other' includes education, employment and 'in transit'.

# By contrast Victoria's share of domestic visitor nights is expected to decline marginally – because of its small share of business travel

## State 'market shares' of domestic visitor nights



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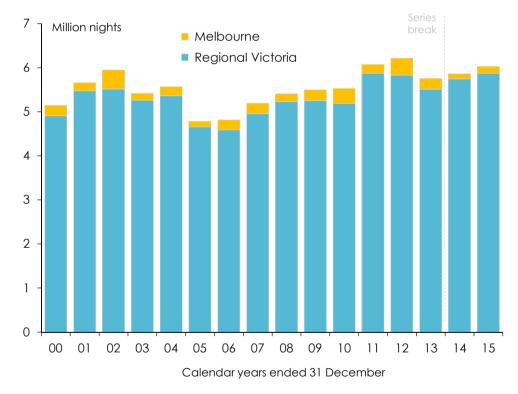


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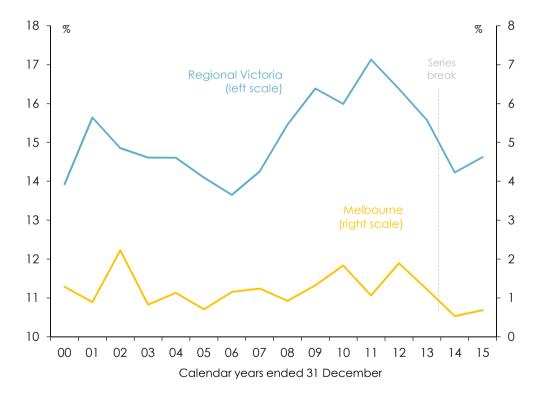
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# Visitor nights in Victorian caravan and commercial camping sites have risen over the past decade, but 'market share' has fallen since 2011

## Visitor nights in Victorian caravan and commercial camping sites



## Caravan and commercial camping site visitor nights as a pc of Victorian total



Note: Series break between 2013 and 2014 due to change in data collection methods (from landline only to mobile and landline phone collection. Source: Tourism Research Australia, National Visitor Survey. February 2016.

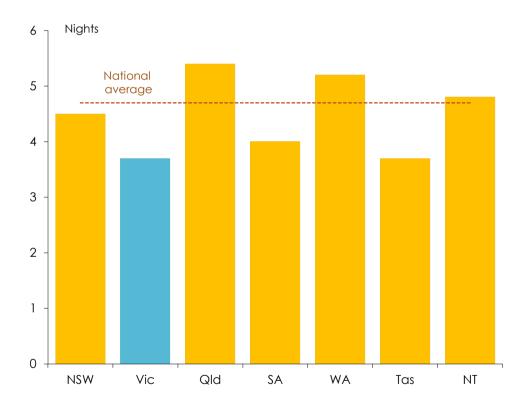
# One possible way to increase caravan & camp sites' 'market share' in Victoria could be to target increasing length of stay

#### Caravan and commercial camping site 'market shares' by State, 2015



Source: Tourism Research Australia, National Visitor Survey. February 2016.

## Average length of stay in caravan and commercial camping sites, 2015



#### Some concluding thoughts

- □ Tourism is definitely on its way back as a driver of Australian economic and employment growth
  - the fall in the A\$ since 2011 has made a big difference, and further falls will be very welcome
- Nonetheless, despite the assistance provided by the lower A\$, Australia faces more competition for the international tourist dollar than most Australians appear to realize
  - Australia's tourism marketing image is increasingly 'dated'
  - our visa regime is one of the most tourist-unfriendly in the world especially for tourists from the most rapidly-growing markets
  - more (private and public) investment is needed in tourism infrastructure
- Victoria has achieved a significant increase in its share of international visitors over the past decade
  - however a lot of this is attributable to international students
- Victoria hasn't done so well in the domestic tourism market
  - although Victoria could do better than suggested by TRA forecasts
- There's plenty of potential upside for the caravan and commercial camping sector within the Victorian tourism sector
  - will likely require attracting both more visitors and encouraging them to stay longer

## Questions?

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