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FRINGE BENEFIT TAX CHANGES WOULD BE A WIN FOR ALL

The Australian Hotels Association has been quick to welcome today's policy proposal by the Coalition to introduce a capped tax deduction for small businesses of \$20,000 for business-related meal and entertainment expenses.

AHA National CEO Stephen Ferguson said the Association had spent years pushing for FBT relief for hard-pressed small businesses and their workers.

"This policy proposal by the Coalition is a win for common-sense – especially during a cost of living crisis," Mr Ferguson said.

"Why shouldn't a boss be able to take his hard-working team down to the pub and shout them a meal and use it as a deduction? Everyone wins.

"The current structure of the FBT means the boss cannot take their workers to a hotel, club, or restaurant at the end of the week as a reward without the business and worker being hit with additional taxes.

"Of course it's a different story for the big end of town – which has work arounds including fully catered in-house board room lunches and baristas – something a family owned business and their workers don't have the privilege of doing.

"It's great to see the Coalition has listened and supports our proposal."

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