

**MEDIA STATEMENT**  
**January 30<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**Red Tape Reduction Group**

Tourism Council WA has applauded the Government's announcement of the establishment of the Red Tape Reduction Group. TCWA CEO Graham Moss said that "today's announcement by the Treasurer Troy Buswell is a major step in the overhaul of Western Australia's regulation making practices which have been stalling many tourism developments over the past few years."

Moss said that "there were between \$1.5-\$2 billion worth of tourism related developments that were currently on hold or deferred due to various reasons but primarily because of the difficulties that exist in bringing tourism projects to fruition in this State".

He said "that during this period of economic uncertainty, now was the perfect time to review the State's regulation making practices so that when the economic circumstances improve tourism developers will be encouraged to build much needed tourism developments by a more streamlined regulation process."

Moss also welcomed the establishment by Tourism WA of a comprehensive review of tourism accommodation development in WA. The review will address a range of issues which have deterred tourism accommodation development in WA in the past.

Tourism Council WA will be represented on the review committee by Board member Jon Jessop, Chairman of Australia's Golden Outback and Group Principal of Edge Resorts.

*END*

For further information please contact Tourism Council WA CEO Graham Moss on 0419 851 140