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STATE BUDGET TACKLES SKILLS SHORTAGE

The Australian Hotels Association (WA) has welcomed the WA State Government's budget commitment to fund the Skilled Migration Strategy to meet the current skills shortage and particularly help to find chefs in the State's hotels and resorts.

AHA(WA) CEO, Bradley Woods, said the Government's commitment to allocate more than \$4 Million dollars over the next four years to assist industries struggling to meet staffing demands.

"The hotel and hospitality sector is facing a significant shortfall in available skilled workers and the Liberal National Government has demonstrated in this budget that it is committed to assisting business," Mr Woods said.

"The industry would prefer that West Australians are available to meet our staffing needs, but where they can't we risk seeing hotel and hospitality businesses reducing trading hours and services available to customers.

"The budget allocation to the Skilled Migration Strategy will help ensure a skilled workforce is available in the future."

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