



## **Bill for an Act to amend the Special Recreational Vessels (SRV) Amendment Act 2019 Superyacht Group Great Barrier Reef**

### **Our Charter**

The Super Yacht Group Great Barrier Reef is a non-profit, membership-based incorporation working to further develop Superyacht visitation and economic growth for the Great Barrier Reef region, from Gladstone to the Whitsundays, Cairns, and the Torres Straits. We provide leadership to facilitate sustainable economic growth of the Superyacht sector and the development of broader opportunities for the economy flowing from this sector through strategic marketing, promotional and industry development objectives at local, national, and international level.

### **The Act**

In 2019, the SRV Act was introduced to permit foreign flagged superyachts to charter in Australian waters. In 2021, a sunset clause was extended through to 30 July 2023.

### **The Issue**

The Coastal Trading Act for passenger vessels has been put on hold indefinitely and the current sunset clause for the SRV act concludes on 30 July 2023. The bill for amendment has been proposed for an extension through to 2025, however this timeline does not take into consideration the unparalleled opportunity and time frame required for planning through to the Olympics 2032 and beyond.

### **Economic Benefit**

Independent economic study conducted by AEC in 2022 reports:

- Revenue - Vessel visitation has created an additional 5,123 jobs and \$1.072B from 2019 to 2021. The forecast that the continuation of the SRV act will attract a further 10,541 jobs and \$1.33B by 2025 with the Olympics in 2032 increasing the economic benefit to \$1.8B.
- GST – The previous Control Permit method for international vessels to enter Australia incurred no taxation, the current SRV act has generated enormous revenue in GST paid on charter fees.
- Workforce – It is estimated that every vessel spends 10% of the vessel worth on refit and maintenance annually, providing work for marinas, shipyards, tradesmen and small businesses. In addition, chartering in Australia provides work for thousands of Australian crew annually.

### **Conclusion**

Policy changes has enabled a greater market of vessels to charter in Australia, realising a growth in the domestic superyacht fleet by 100% since 2019. From 2021 to 2025, there is an expected steady 5% increase in chartering activity across all states except Queensland. Given the breadth of investment in Queensland, infrastructure, there is an anticipated increase of 7.5% across Queensland from 2023.

The SRV Act has proven to be very successful in increasing economic benefit and investment, creating jobs and generated new GST revenue to the country. To continue this growth the minimum extension to 2025 is essential, however it should be considered to amend the sunset clause to a permanent change in legislation to safeguard confidence and enduring growth in this sector past the Olympics 2032.



## SUPERYACHT INDUSTRY ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION Regional economic impact

