

# SINGAPORE AND INDIA TRADE MISSION

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**The Honourable Andrew Powell MP**

Minister for the Environment and Tourism and  
Minister for Science and Innovation

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## Official Party

<b>The Honourable Andrew Powell MP</b>	<b>Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation</b>
Ms Patricia O'Callaghan	Director-General, Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation
Mr Marshall Leeson	Media Advisor, Office of the Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation

## Supporting Attendees (in market)

Ms Khim Lim	Director – South East Asia, Tourism and Events Queensland
Ms Suzanne Ong	Director, Business Development – ASEAN, Trade and Investment Queensland
Ms Ryna Sequeira	Director India, Tourism and Events Queensland
Ms Hina Mehta	Trade Manager India, Tourism and Events Queensland
Ms Annette D'Silva	Trade Director, Trade and Investment Queensland
Mr Shibu Mathews	Head, Health, Innovation and Investments South Asia, Trade and Investment Queensland
Munish Kaushal	Senior Director, South Asia, Trade and Investment Queensland
Remya Mohanakrishnan	Head, Education – South Asia, Trade and Investment Queensland

## Program

<b>Sunday 8 March 2026 – Perth</b>	
<b>1.50pm</b>	Depart Perth
<b>7.05pm</b>	Arrive Singapore
<b>Monday 9 March 2026 – Singapore</b>	
<b>10.00am – 11.00am</b>	<p><b>Meeting with Centre for Quantum Technologies, National University of Singapore</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Professor José Ignacio Latorre – Director, Centre for Quantum Technologies</li> <li>- Dr Desmond Toa – Senior Assistant Director (Capability Development and International Collaborations), National Quantum Office of Singapore</li> <li>- Mr Tan Shao Tao – Manager, Administration Centre for Quantum Technologies</li> <li>- Ms Khim Lim – Director, South East Asia, Tourism and Events Queensland</li> </ul> <p>Venue: Centre for Quantum Technologies, National University of Singapore</p>
<b>11.30am – 12.30pm</b>	<p><b>Meeting with Nanyang Technological University Singapore</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Professor Louis Phee – Vice President (Innovation and Entrepreneurship)</li> <li>- Professor Emma Hill – Chair, Asian School of the Environment</li> <li>- Mr Jeff Lau – Office of International Engagement</li> <li>- Ms Khim Lim – Director, South East Asia, Tourism and Events Queensland</li> </ul> <p>Venue: Nanyang Technological University, Asian School of the Environment, Singapore</p>
<b>2.15pm – 3.30pm</b>	<p><b>Meeting with Keppel Seghers Tuas Waste-to-Energy facilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jackson Goh – Managing Director, Environment</li> <li>- Annie Tan – Assistant Managing Director, Commercial</li> <li>- Tey Tai Keat – Senior Manager, Business Development</li> <li>- Mohammad Zafi Bin Maonah – Deputy Operations Manager, Infrastructure – Operations</li> <li>- Ms Khim Lim – Director, South East Asia, Tourism and Events Queensland</li> <li>- Ms Suzanne Ong – Director, Business Development – ASEAN, Trade and Investment Queensland</li> </ul> <p>Venue: Keppel Seghers Tuas Waste-to-Energy Plant, Singapore</p>

<b>Monday 9 March 2026 – Singapore</b>	
<b>5.00pm – 6.15pm</b>	<p><b>Tour of Marina Bay Sands Hotel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Andrew Woo – Director, Corporate Affairs, Marina Bay Sands</li> <li>- Mr Michael Littlewood – Vice President, Facilities</li> <li>- Ms Khim Lim – Director, South East Asia, Tourism and Events Queensland</li> </ul> <p>Venue: Marina Bay Sands Hotel, Singapore</p>
<b>6.30pm – 8.30pm</b>	<p><b>Dinner meeting with SIM Leisure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dato' Sim Choo Kheng – Executive Chairman, Sim Leisure Group Ltd</li> <li>- Datin' Silviya Georgieva – Executive Director, Sim Leisure Group Ltd</li> <li>- Ms Khim Lim, Director – South East Asia, Tourism and Events Queensland</li> <li>- Ms Suzanne Ong – Director, Business Development – ASEAN, Trade and Investment Queensland</li> </ul> <p>Venue: Blossom Restaurant, Marina Bay Sands Hotel, Singapore</p>
<b>Overnight</b>	Shangri-La Singapore

<b>Tuesday 10 March 2026 – Singapore   New Delhi</b>	
<b>9.00am – 10.00am</b>	<p><b>Meeting with James Cook University (Singapore Campus)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Professor Carole-Ann Upton – Deputy Vice Chancellor, James Cook University</li> <li>- Associate Professor K Thirumaran – Acting Campus Dean</li> <li>- Associate Professor Denise Dillon – Acting Dean Research   Associate Dean of Research Education   Associate Professor, Psychology</li> <li>- Associate Professor Ai Ni Teoh – Academic Head, Social and Health Sciences   Associate Professor, Psychology</li> <li>- Professor Nigel V. Marsh – Professor of Clinical Psychology   Director of Professional Program</li> <li>- Dr Jose Domingos – Professor / Principal Research Fellow Aquaculture and Deputy Director TFI</li> <li>- Associate Professor Wang Pengji – Acting Academic Head, James Cook University Business School</li> <li>- Ms Khim Lim – Director, South East Asia, Tourism and Events Queensland</li> </ul> <p>Venue: James Cook University, Singapore</p>
<b>11.00am – 12 noon</b>	<p><b>Meeting with Singapore Airlines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Dai Haoyu – Senior Vice President Marketing Planning</li> <li>- Mr Kenny Teo – Vice President Network Planning</li> <li>- Ms Rachel Tan – Vice President Brand and Marketing</li> <li>- Ms Fong Soo Mei – Senior Manager Market Development and Media Planning</li> <li>- Ms Sandrine Chua – Market Development Senior Executive</li> </ul>

<b>Tuesday 10 March 2026 – Singapore   New Delhi</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Khim Lim – Director, South East Asia, Tourism and Events Queensland</li> </ul> <p>Venue: Singapore Airlines Office, Singapore</p>
<b>Overnight</b>	Westin Gurgaon, New Delhi

<b>Wednesday 11 March – New Delhi</b>	
<b>9.00am – 9.45am</b>	<p><b>Meeting with Air India</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Campbell Wilson – Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>- Mr Nipun Agarwal – Chief Commercial Officer</li> <li>- Mr Kartikey Bhatt – Head Slots and Airport Relations</li> <li>- Mr Philip Green – Australian High Commissioner to India</li> <li>- Mr Ben James – Vice President of Aviation Development, Brisbane Airport Corporation</li> <li>- Ms Ryna Sequeira – Director India Tourism and Events Queensland</li> <li>- Ms Hina Mehta – Trade Manager India Tourism and Events Queensland</li> <li>- Mr Shibu Mathews – Head, Health, Innovation and Investments South Asia, Trade and Investment Queensland</li> </ul> <p>Venue: Air India Head Office, Gurugram, Haryana, India</p>
<b>10.15am – 11.00am</b>	<p><b>Meeting with IndiGo Airline</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Abhijit DasGupta – Senior Vice President Network Planning and Revenue Management</li> </ul> <p>Venue: IndiGo Airlines, Gurugram, Haryana, India</p>
<b>11.15am – 12 noon</b>	<p><b>Meeting with Make My Trip Partner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Deepti Mehta – Vice President (Holidays Product and Supply)</li> <li>- Ms Chhavi Kohli Lead – Tourism Boards, Strategic Alliances and Partnerships at MakeMyTrip</li> <li>- Ms Palak Katyal – Tourism Alliances and Partnerships, Make My Trip</li> <li>- Ms Nishta Chopra – Product Manager: Holidays Product Development at MakeMyTrip.com</li> <li>- Ms Pooja - Aviation</li> <li>- Ms Isha Bhatia – Senior Manager - Corporate Channel Make My Trip</li> <li>- Mr Bipin Joshi – Tourism Alliances and Partnerships</li> </ul> <p>Venue: Make My Trip Head Office, Gurugram, Haryana, India</p>
<b>3.00pm – 3.45pm</b>	<p><b>Meeting with Taste of Queensland – AAHAR International Food and Hospitality Fair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Todd Miller – Trade and Investment Commissioner, South Asia, Austrade</li> <li>- Mr Shibu Mathews – Head, Health, Innovation and Investments, South Asia, Trade and Investment Queensland</li> </ul>

<b>Wednesday 11 March – New Delhi</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Annette D'Silva – Trade Director, Trade and Investment Queensland</li> <li>- Mr James O'Dwyer – Chief Executive Officer, Bee-Fused Honey Co.</li> <li>- Mr Reiner Adolfsen – Owner, The Golden Bone Bakery</li> <li>- Mr Carl Hampson – Chief Executive Officer, Hampson Honey</li> <li>- Ms Krystal Caton – Managing Director, Lush Lychees</li> <li>- Mr Jimmy Chand – Principal Consultant, JC Associates and Consulting Services</li> <li>- Mr Kannan Paulvannan – Founder, Trade in Safe</li> <li>- Mr Adam Williams – Managing Director, Dhuwa Coffee</li> <li>- Mr Neil Jedid – Owner, Aromas Coffee Roastery Pty Ltd</li> <li>- Mr Virat Rastogi – Commercial Director India, Frosty Boy Australia Pty Ltd</li> <li>- Mr Ajay Jaiswal – Manager Procurement, The Dream Farm Pty Ltd (represented by Seeba Group/ ThinKitchen)</li> </ul> <p>Virtual Exhibitors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nina Warwick – Export Manager, Majans</li> <li>- Vicki Alisson – Chief Growth Officer, Happify Earth</li> <li>- Jeremy Davidson – Co-founder and Chief and Executive Officer, Mr Consistent</li> <li>- Nathan Clinnick – General Manager, Rehydraid</li> <li>- Sharda Singh – Chief Executive Officer, Freeze Dried Foods</li> </ul> <p>Venue: Australian Pavillion, AAHAR, Bharat Mandapam Convention Centre, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi</p>
<b>5.00pm – 6.00pm</b>	<p><b>Meeting with Pro Kabaddi</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Anupam Goswami – Chief Executive Officer, Sports League, Disney Star India and League Commissioner, Pro Kabaddi League</li> <li>- Mr Cameron Vale – Managing Director, GLO Sports</li> </ul> <p>Venue: Hyatt Regency Delhi, New Delhi</p>
<b>7.00pm – 9.00pm</b>	<p><b>Networking dinner with High Commissioner and invited guests</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Philip Green OAM – High Commissioner Australian High Commission, New Delhi</li> <li>- Henni Arup – Economic Counsellor Australian High Commission, New Delhi</li> <li>- Nathan Davis – Trade and Investment Commissioner, Austrade</li> <li>- Mr Shibu Mathews – Head, Health, Innovation and Investments South Asia, Trade and Investment Queensland</li> <li>- Ryna Sequeira – Director India, Tourism and Events Queensland</li> <li>- Mr Ranjeet Goswami – Global Head, Corporate Affairs, Tata Consultancy Services</li> <li>- Mr Riaz Munshi – Director, N. Chirag Travel Pvt. Ltd.</li> <li>- Mr Nick Booker – Chief Executive Officer, IndoGenius</li> <li>- Mr Jai Paul Lakhanpal – Director, JPL Innovations</li> <li>- Ms Anita Patni – Associate Vice President, Thomas Cook India</li> </ul> <p>Venue: High Commissioner Residence, Australian High Commission, Shantipath, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi</p>

<b>Wednesday 11 March – New Delhi</b>	
<b>Overnight</b>	Hyatt Regency Delhi
<b>Thursday 12 March – New Delhi   Mumbai</b>	
<b>2.45pm – 3.15pm</b>	<p><b>Meeting with Queensland Executive Leadership Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Paul Murphy – Consul General of Australia in Mumbai</li> <li>- Mr John Buchanan – Ex-Australian Cricket Coach and Queensland Global Connector</li> <li>- Mr Phil Slade – Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Switch4schools</li> </ul> <p><b>Schools invited to attend:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ian Davies – Garodia International Centre for Learning, Head of School/Principal</li> <li>- Hiten Shah – Smt. Sulochanadevi Singhanian School, Lead Counsellor</li> <li>- Dr Mildred Lobo – Bunts Sangha's S M Shetty International School, Principal</li> <li>- Zeenat Syed – Podar International School, Principal</li> <li>- Ms Florina Fernandes – Ramniwas Bajaj English High School, Principal</li> <li>- Dr Dipika Das – MET Rishikul Vidyalaya, Principal</li> <li>- Poonam Arora – Bombay Cambridge International School, Principal</li> <li>- Supriya Mastud – Seven Square Academy Miraroad, Principal</li> <li>- Ashish Bhatnagar – Ram Ratna International School, Principal</li> <li>- Lailah Alam – Cathedral and John Connon School, Cambridge Advisor</li> <li>- Debika Chatterji – JBCN International School, Director Principal</li> <li>- Priya Anand – Mount Litera School International, Head of School</li> <li>- Chitkala Kalan – JBCN international School, Parel, Deputy Principal</li> <li>- Prakash Nair – Dr Pillai Global Academy, Principal</li> <li>- Kalyani Vinod – The Somaiya School, Senior Coordinator</li> </ul> <p>Venue: Pallazzio, St Regis Mumbai, Mumbai</p>
<b>4.00pm – 5.00pm</b>	<p><b>Meeting with Indian Hotels (Tata) Chief Executive Officer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Paul Murphy – Consul General of Australia in Mumbai</li> <li>- Mr Puneet Chhatwal – Chief Executive Officer, The Indian Hotels Company Limited</li> <li>- Ms Suma Venkatesh – Executive Vice President - Real Estate and Development, The Indian Hotels Company Limited</li> <li>- Munish Kaushal – Senior Director, South Asia, Trade and Investment Queensland</li> </ul> <p>Venue: Indian Hotels Company Limited, Nariman Point, Mumbai</p>
<b>5.45pm – 6.15pm</b>	<p><b>Meeting with Chief Executive Officer of Immuneel Therapeutics Pvt Ltd</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Amit Mookim – Chief Executive Officer, Immuneel</li> <li>- Mr Lakshmikanth Gandikota – Chief Scientific Officer, Immuneel</li> <li>- Munish Kaushal – Senior Director, South Asia, Trade and Investment Queensland</li> </ul>

<b>Thursday 12 March – New Delhi   Mumbai</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Shibu Mathews – Head, Health, Innovation and Investments South Asia, Trade and Investment Queensland</li> </ul> <p>Venue: Equus, St Regis Mumbai, Mumbai</p>
<b>7.30pm – 9.00pm</b>	<p><b>Dinner meeting with Tourism Australia Country Manager</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Nishant Kashikar – Country Manager India and Gulf, Tourism Australia</li> <li>- Mr Paul Murphy – Consul-General to Mumbai, India</li> </ul> <p>Venue: Koishii Restaurant, St Regis Mumbai, Mumbai</p>
<b>Overnight</b>	St. Regis Mumbai, Mumbai

<b>Friday 13 March 2026 – Mumbai</b>	
<b>10.30am – 12 noon</b>	<p><b>Meeting with Thomas Cook (India) Limited and SOTC Travel Limited</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mahesh Iyer – Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Thomas Cook (India) Limited</li> <li>- Vishal Suri – Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, SOTC Travel Limited</li> <li>- Mr Rajeev Kale – President and Country Head – Holidays, MICE, Visa - Thomas Cook (India) Limited</li> <li>- Abraham Alappat – Head – Marketing, Service Quality, Value Added Services and Innovation, Thomas Cook (India) Limited</li> <li>- Ms Suzanne Pereira – Senior Vice President, Trade Relationships, Service Quality and Communications, Thomas Cook (India) Limited</li> <li>- Shishir Khambete – Vice President at Thomas Cook (India) Limited</li> <li>- Avinash Janjire – Senior Vice President and Head – Marketing, Thomas Cook (India) Limited</li> <li>- Rudrani Chatterjee – Deputy General Manager – Trade Relationships, Thomas Cook (India) Limited and SOTC Travel Limited</li> <li>- Roma Tamang – Senior Manager Trade Relationships and Alliances, SOTC Travel Ltd</li> <li>- Ms Ryna Sequeira – Director India, Tourism and Events Queensland</li> </ul> <p>Venue: Thomas Cook India Group Head Quarters, Mumbai</p>
<b>1.00pm – 2.30pm</b>	<p><b>Tourism and Events Queensland partner lunch event with VIPs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Nishant Kashikar – Country Manager, India and Gulf, Tourism Australia</li> <li>- Mr Rajeev Kale – President and Country Head – Holidays, MICE, Visa Thomas Cook (India) Limited</li> <li>- Ms Benazir Nazar – Chief Executive Officer and Director, Akbar Holidays Pvt Ltd</li> <li>- Mr Pratik Shah, Chief Operations Officer – Kulin Kumar Holidays</li> <li>- Mr Pritish Shah – Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Edge Club</li> <li>- Ms Khushnooma Das – General Manager - Products and Trade Relations India, FCM Meetings &amp; Events</li> </ul>

<b>Friday 13 March 2026 – Mumbai</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Naveen Kukreti – Vice President and Head – West India, MICE, SOTC Travel Ltd.</li> <li>- Ms Sunila Pati – Founder and Director, Veena World</li> <li>- Mr Himanshu Patil – Director, Kesari Tours Pvt Ltd</li> <li>- Ms Ratna Shah – Business Development Manager, Flamingo Transworld</li> <li>- Mr Daniel D’souza – Co-Founder, Dreamsetgo</li> <li>- Ms Aindrila Mitra – Editor, Robb Report India</li> <li>- Ms Ratna Shah – Director of Sales and Business Development, Flamingo Transworld</li> </ul> <p>Venue: St. Regis Mumbai, Mumbai</p>
<b>5.15pm – 7.00pm</b>	<p><b>Networking with up to 50 Travel Trade, Media and Aviation Partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Paul Murphy – Australia Counsel General Mumbai</li> <li>- Nishant Kashikar – Tourism Australia, Country Manager – India and Gulf</li> <li>- Madhu Pai – Tourism Australia, Marketing and Public Relations Manager</li> <li>- Maisha Mukadam – Tourism Australia, Business Development Manager</li> <li>- Rudrani Chatterjee – Thomas Cook (India) Limited, Deputy General Manager - Trade Relationships</li> <li>- Suzanne Pereira – Thomas Cook India Limited, Senior Vice President</li> <li>- Roma Tamang – SOTC India, Senior Manager Trade Relationships</li> <li>- Sajin Nawshad – Akbar Holidays, Director</li> <li>- Phaneendra Pechetti – FCM, Deputy General Manager</li> <li>- Deba Saikia – Senior Manager (Sales), FCM Meetings and Events</li> <li>- Sufail Hussain – Journey Label, Co-Founder</li> <li>- Sheldon Santwan – Editor, Saffron Media</li> <li>- Riaan George – Key Opinion Leader and Freelance Journalist</li> <li>- Prasenjit Chakraborty – TravelBiz Monitor, Executive Editor</li> <li>- Anita Jain – The Digital Travellers, Managing Editor</li> <li>- Farukh Sheikh – The Digital Travellers, Photographer</li> <li>- Saiyami Kher – Celebrity</li> <li>- Vikram Sathye – Cricket Humourist, @vikramsathaye</li> <li>- Tejal Dadlani – All Four Seasons, Senior Manager Sales and Marketing</li> <li>- Veneeta Rawat – Amazing Vacations, Director</li> <li>- Anshu Tejuja Ashoka – Dream Holidays, Managing Director</li> <li>- Vyoma Bhatt – Aspen Vacations, Managing Director</li> <li>- Jatin Shah – Comfort Voyages, Owner</li> <li>- Bhakti Taunk – Eastern Travels, Director</li> <li>- Anosh Kanga – Ahura Explorience, Partner</li> <li>- Jyotin Joshi – Gem Tours and Travels P Ltd, Owner</li> <li>- Nagsri Shashidhar – Nagsri - Creating Special Moments, Owner</li> <li>- Subhash Motwani – Namaste Tourism, Director</li> <li>- Meha Vashi – Nivalink, Director</li> <li>- Reena Sachdev – Travel Arena, Founder</li> <li>- Anil Haribal – Travel Forte, Managing Director</li> <li>- Varun Godia – Varun Worldwide Holidays, Manager - Product Development</li> <li>- Navneet Kohli – Weldon Travels, Branch Head</li> </ul>

<b>Friday 13 March 2026 – Mumbai</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Purvi Jhaveri – Sunday Pure Holidays, Director</li> <li>- Jyot Jhaveri – Sunday Pure Holidays, Director</li> <li>- Ritik Bhasin – Penthouse St Regis, Owner</li> <li>- Karan Vakharia – Pathfinders Holidays, Director</li> <li>- Sunita Amarnani – V-Explore, Executive Vice President</li> <li>- Aneesha Chopra – Village Roadshow Theme Parks - GSA India, India head</li> <li>- Benoit Badufle – Brisbane Economic Development Agency, Director, Southeast Asia</li> <li>- Ashish Bhandari – Avenir Marketing, Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>- Ruden Dias – Connect2India, Representative India</li> <li>- Ryna Sequeira – Tourism and Events Queensland, Director, India</li> <li>- Juilee Sohani – Tourism and Events Queensland, PR &amp; Marketing Executive - India</li> <li>- Shivani Joshi – Tourism and Events Queensland, Marketing Manager - India</li> <li>- Hina Mehta – Tourism and Events Queensland, Trade Manager - India</li> </ul> <p>Venue: St. Regis Mumbai, Mumbai</p>
<b>11.35pm</b>	Depart Mumbai
<b>Overnight</b>	Inflight

<b>Saturday 14 March 2026 – Singapore (transit), Brisbane</b>	
<b>7.30am</b>	Arrive Singapore
<b>9.55am</b>	Depart Singapore
<b>7.45pm</b>	Arrive Brisbane

## Meeting and event summaries

### 1. Meeting with Centre for Quantum Technologies, National University of Singapore

Date: Monday 9 March 2026

#### Attendees

Professor José Ignacio Latorre – Director, Centre for Quantum Technologies

Dr Desmond Toa – Senior Assistant Director (Capability Development and International Collaborations), National Quantum Office of Singapore

Mr Tan Shao Tao – Manager, Administration Centre for Quantum Technologies

Ms Khim Lim – Director, South East Asia, Tourism and Events Queensland

#### Meeting Summary

The Minister met with the Centre for Quantum Technologies (CQT) at the National University of Singapore to discuss collaboration opportunities between Singapore's quantum research ecosystem and Queensland universities.

CQT outlined Singapore's National Quantum Strategy, backed by close to \$300 million in funding, and its work coordinating quantum research and talent across the country. During discussions CQT shared they are currently focussed on building three supercomputers, developing the talent pipeline, research priorities being driven by the team on the ground (strong bottom-up approach), prioritising exchanges between scientists and establishing a Centre of Excellence.

Discussions focused on existing collaborations with the University of Queensland and the Queensland University of Technology, particularly in quantum computing, secure communications and advanced sensing technologies, and opportunities to strengthen research and talent exchanges.

The meeting reinforced Queensland's position as an emerging global hub for quantum technology and advanced research partnerships.



## 2. Meeting with Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Date: Monday 9 March 2026

### **Attendees**

Professor Louis Phee – Vice President (Innovation and Entrepreneurship)

Professor Emma Hill – Chair Asian School of the Environment

Mr Jeff Lau – Office of International Engagement

Ms Khim Lim – Director, South East Asia, Tourism and Events Queensland

### **Meeting Summary**

The Minister met with representatives from Nanyang Technological University (NTU) to discuss strengthening research and innovation partnerships with Queensland institutions.

NTU highlighted its global research leadership and its strong relationship with the University of Queensland, including joint research, student exchanges and academic collaboration.

NTU also outlined its approach to commercialising research, including its “bench to business” model, entrepreneurship academy and innovation precinct that co-locates laboratories, start-ups and venture capital.

The Minister emphasised the Queensland Government’s commitment to science and innovation, including the development of a new Science and Innovation Strategy focused on strengthening capability, building research connections and supporting commercialisation..

### 3. Meeting and Site Visit at Keppel Seghers Tuas Waste-to-Energy facilities

Date: Monday 9 March 2026

#### **Attendees**

Jackson Goh – Managing Director, Environment

Annie Tan – Assistant Managing Director, Commercial

Tey Tai Keat – Senior Manager, Business Development

Mohammad Zafi Bin Maonah – Deputy Operation Manager, Infrastructure – Operations

Ms Khim Lim – Director, South East Asia, Tourism and Events Queensland

Ms Suzanne Ong, Director, Business Development – ASEAN, Trade and Investment Queensland

#### **Meeting Summary**

The meeting provided insights of the process undertaken during the development of the Tuas Waste-to-Energy facility in Singapore.

The Minister was then taken on a tour of the facility.

## 4. Tour of Marina Bay Sands Hotel

Date: Monday 9 March 2026

### **Attendees**

Mr Andrew Woo – Director, Corporate Affairs, Marina Bay Sands

Mr Michael Littlewood – Vice President, Facilities

Ms Khim Lim – Director, South East Asia, Tourism and Events Queensland

### **Meeting Summary**

Marina Bay Sands is a leader in sustainable tourism, implementing energy-efficient systems, water conservation measures, and waste management programs.

The Minister toured the Marina Bay Sands precinct to observe the integrated resort model that combines hotel accommodation, retail, entertainment and large-scale meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions (MICE) facilities in a single destination.

Discussions highlighted the role the development has played in positioning Singapore as a global tourism and business events hub, particularly through its major convention and events infrastructure.

The visit also provided insights into the resort's sustainability initiatives, including energy efficiency, water conservation and waste management practices that support large-scale tourism operations.

## 5. Dinner meeting with SIM Leisure

Date: Monday 9 March 2026

### **Attendees**

Dato' Sim Choo Kheng – Executive Chairman, Sim Leisure Group Ltd

Datin' Silviya Georgieva – Executive Director, Sim Leisure Group Ltd (wife of Dato' Sim)

Ms Khim Lim – Director, South East Asia, Tourism and Events Queensland

Ms Suzanne Ong – Director, Business Development – ASEAN, Trade and Investment Queensland

### **Meeting Summary**

The Minister promoted *Destination 2045: Delivering Queensland's Tourism Future*, outlining the Queensland Government's plan to position the State as a global tourism leader.

The Minister highlighted that the Government is investing more than \$1 billion in tourism over the next four years, supporting new experiences and unlocking responsible ecotourism opportunities that showcase Queensland's natural assets.

The Minister also emphasised that these initiatives are helping position Queensland as an attractive destination for international tourism investment and partnerships.

Discussions focused on opportunities to capitalise on global attention in the lead up to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Representatives from Sim Leisure Group also provided an update on their recent experiences operating in Queensland and their potential future investment interests in the State.

## 6. Meeting with James Cook University (Singapore Campus)

Date: Tuesday 10 March 2026

### **Attendees**

Professor Carole-Ann Upton – Deputy Vice Chancellor, James Cook University

Associate Professor K Thirumaran – Acting Campus Dean

Associate Professor Denise Dillon – Acting Dean Research | Associate Dean of Research Education | Associate Professor, Psychology

Associate Professor Ai Ni Teoh – Academic Head, Social and Health Sciences | Associate Professor, Psychology

Professor Nigel V. Marsh – Professor of Clinical Psychology | Director of Professional Program

Dr Jose Domingos – Professor / Principal Research Fellow Aquaculture and Deputy Director TFI

Associate Professor Wang Pengji – Acting Academic Head, James Cook University Business School

Ms Khim Lim – Director, South East Asia, Tourism and Events Queensland

### **Meeting Summary**

The Minister met with representatives from James Cook University's (JCU) Singapore campus, which was established in 2003 and remains the only overseas campus of a Queensland public university with full university status in Singapore.

Discussions provided insights into JCU Singapore's growing research capability and the regional partnerships it has developed across Southeast Asia.

The meeting explored opportunities for Queensland to leverage JCU Singapore's education, research and regional networks to strengthen Queensland–Singapore collaboration and support Queensland's science, innovation and tourism priorities.

JCU also highlighted its aquaculture research, which aligns with Singapore's food security agenda and Queensland's strengths in tropical research, presenting potential opportunities for collaboration with Queensland and Australian businesses.

## 7. Meeting with Singapore Airlines

Date: Tuesday 10 March 2026

### **Attendees**

Mr Dai Haoyu – Senior Vice President Marketing Planning

Mr Kenny Teo – Vice President Network Planning

Ms Rachel Tan – Vice President Brand and Marketing

Ms Fong Soo Mei – Senior Manager Market Development & Media Planning

Ms. Sandrine Chua – Market Development Senior Executive

Ms Khim Lim – Director, South East Asia, Tourism and Events Queensland

### **Meeting Summary**

The Minister met with Singapore Airlines and acknowledged the airline's strong and longstanding commitment to Queensland.

The Minister highlighted the Queensland Government's *Destination 2045* plan, which is focused on growing visitation to the State in the lead-up to and beyond the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Discussions also highlighted opportunities to expand aviation capacity into Queensland, supported by the Government's Connecting Queensland Fund, which helps secure new and expanded air services.

The Minister thanked Singapore Airlines for its continued investment in Queensland and its role in connecting international visitors to the State.

## 8. Meeting with Air India

Date: Wednesday 11 March 2026

### **Attendees**

Mr Campbell Wilson – Chief Executive Officer

Mr Nipun Agarwal – Chief Commercial Officer

Mr Kartikey Bhatt – Head Slots and Airport Relations

Mr Philip Green – Australian High Commissioner to India

Mr Ben James – Vice President of Aviation Development, Brisbane Airport Corporation

Ms Ryna Sequeira – Director India Tourism and Events Queensland

Ms Hina Mehta – Trade Manager India Tourism and Events Queensland

Mr Shibu Mathews – Head, Health, Innovation and Investments South Asia, Trade and Investment Queensland

### **Meeting Summary**

Air India is the flag carrier airline of India and is a member of the Star Alliance. The Minister sought a strategic update from Air India, enquiring about their expansion plans. The Minister reiterated Queensland Government support for Air India services direct air service between India and Queensland and provided an update on the Connecting Queensland Fund.



## 9. Meeting with IndiGo Airline

Date: Wednesday 11 March 2026

### **Attendees**

Mr Abhijit Das Gupta – Vice President Networking Planning and Revenue Management

Mr Philip Green – Australian High Commissioner to India

Ms Ryna Sequeira – Director India Tourism and Events Queensland

Ms Hina Mehta – Trade Manager India Tourism and Events Queensland

### **Meeting Summary**

The Minister received a strategic update from IndiGo including current philosophy, delivery timeline for the new A350 fleet and plans to expand long-haul international services. The Minister reiterated Queensland Government support for services direct to Queensland.



## 10. Meeting with Make My Trip

Date: Wednesday 11 March 2026

### Attendees

Ms Deepti Mehta – Vice President (Holidays Product and Supply)

Ms Chhavi Kohli Lead – Tourism Boards, Strategic Alliances and Partnerships at MakeMyTrip

Ms Palak Katyal – Tourism Alliances and Partnerships, Make My Trip

Ms Nishta Chopra – Product Manager: Holidays Product Development at MakeMyTrip.com

Ms Pooja – Aviation

Ms Isha Bhatia – Senior Manager - Corporate Channel Make My Trip

Mr Bipin Joshi – Tourism Alliances and Partnerships

Ms Ryna Sequeira – Director India Tourism and Events Queensland

Ms Hina Mehta – Trade Manager India Tourism and Events Queensland

### Meeting Summary

The Minister provided an update on *Destination 2045* and the opportunities the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games present for the tourism and events industry.

The Minister received an update from one of Queensland's key distribution partners about the latest India market insights, and leisure and incentive business trends.

Make My Trip (MMT) has worked with Tourism and Event Queensland (TEQ), Tourism Tropical North Queensland (TTNQ), Brisbane Economic Development Agency (BEDA), Tourism Whitsundays (TWSY), Experience Gold Coast (EGC) on joint marketing campaigns in the past and continues to work with TEQ and EGC this financial year. MMT's longstanding partnership with TEQ drives conversion to Queensland, increased length of stay and visitor expenditure, expand Queensland's product offerings and to promote current aviation routes to Queensland.



## 11. Meeting with Taste of Queensland – AAHAR International Food and Hospitality Fair

Date: Wednesday 11 March 2026

### **Attendees**

Mr Todd Miller – Trade and Investment Commissioner, South Asia, Austrade

Mr Shibu Mathews – Head, Health, Innovation & Investments, South Asia, Trade and Investment Queensland

Annette D’Silva – Trade Director, Trade and Investment Queensland

Mr James O’Dwyer – Chief Executive Officer, Bee-Fused Honey Co.

Mr Reiner Adolfsen – Owner, The Golden Bone Bakery

Mr Carl Hampson – Chief Executive Officer, Hampson Honey

Ms Krystal Caton – Managing Director, Lush Lychees

Mr Jimmy Chand – Principal Consultant, JC Associates and Consulting Services

Mr Kannan Paulvannan – Founder, Trade in Safe

Mr Adam Williams – Managing Director, Dhuwa Coffee

Mr Neil Jedid – Owner, Aromas Coffee Roastery Pty Ltd

Mr Virat Rastogi – Commercial Director India, Frosty Boy Australia Pty Ltd

Mr Ajay Jaiswal – Manager Procurement, The Dream Farm Pty Ltd (represented by Seeba Group/ThinKitchen)

Virtual Exhibitors

Nina Warwick – Export Manager, Majans

Vicki Alisson – Chief Growth Officer, Happify Earth

Jeremy Davidson – Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Mr Consistent

Nathan Clinnick – General Manager, Rehydraid

Sharda Singh – Chief Executive Officer, Freeze Dried Foods

### **Meeting Summary**

The Minister visited the “Taste of Queensland” AAHAR International Food and Hospitality Fair showcasing a variety of premium state-led brands of high quality, sustainable produce. This demonstrated the Queensland Government support for exporters in India and reinforced Queensland’s position as a trusted food and agribusiness partner to India.

Further discussions looked at opportunities for Queensland products in India, understanding any barriers where Government support can help, and reinforcing the Queensland Government’s commitment to supporting long-term expansion under the “Taste of Queensland” banner.

The Minister:

- congratulated Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) on the Taste of Queensland program which connects international buyers, importers, and distributors with Queensland's premium food, beverage, and agribusiness exporters through inbound and outbound trade missions;
- thanked Austrade and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for the support provided to the Queensland team in India to make this trade exhibition a success for Australian and Queensland exporters; and
- thanked the Queensland delegates for their active participation in the TIQ program and sought feedback on buyer interest and opportunities generated through the TIQ-led program across Bengaluru, Mumbai, and AAHAR.



## 12. Meeting with Pro Kabaddi

Date: Wednesday 11 March 2026

### **Attendees**

Mr Anupam Goswami – Chief Executive Officer, Sports League, Disney Star India and League Commissioner, Pro Kabaddi League

Ms Ryna Sequeira – Director, India, Tourism and Events Queensland

### **Meeting Summary**

The Minister met with Mr Goswami to discuss opportunities for Kabaddi in Queensland.

Discussions focused on opportunities to strengthen Queensland's profile as a destination for major sporting and cultural events.

The Minister highlighted the Queensland Government's Mega and Strategic Events Fund, which supports the attraction and delivery of globally significant events that drive visitation, showcase the State internationally and deliver economic benefits for Queensland communities.

The meeting explored the potential for future engagement with Queensland as the State continues to position itself as the events capital of Australia in the lead-up to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

### 13. Networking dinner with High Commissioner and invited guests

Date: Wednesday 11 March 2026

#### **Attendees**

Mr Philip Green OAM – High Commissioner Australian High Commission, New Delhi

Henni Arup – Economic Counsellor Australian High Commission, New Delhi

Nathan Davis – Trade and Investment Commissioner, Austrade

Mr. Ranjeet Goswami – Global Head, Corporate Affairs, Tata Consultancy Services

Mr Riaz Munshi – Director, N. Chirag Travel Pvt. Ltd.

Mr Nick Booker – Chief Executive Officer, IndoGenius

Mr. Jai Paul Lakhanpal – Director, JPL Innovations

Ms Anita Patni – Associate Vice President, Thomas Cook (India) Limited

Mr Shibu Mathews – Head, Health, Innovation and Investments South Asia, Trade and Investment Queensland

Ryna Sequeira – Director India, Tourism and Events Queensland

#### **Meeting Summary**

The Minister received updates from the Australian High Commissioner on developments in the Australia–India relationship and recent progress on the Australia-India Free Trade Agreement negotiations.

The meeting also noted growing collaboration between Indian institutions and Queensland universities and innovation ecosystems, supporting joint research, start-ups and commercialisation across areas including life sciences, marine biotechnology, sports performance, agronomy and clean energy.

The Minister also highlighted Queensland’s efforts to deepen tourism ties with India through *Destination 2045*, promotion of Queensland’s global tourism brand and the pursuit of direct air services between Queensland and India.



## 14. Meeting with Queensland Executive Leadership Program

Date: Thursday 12 March 2026

### **Attendees**

- Mr Paul Murphy – Consul General of Australia in Mumbai
- Mr John Buchanan – Ex- Australian Cricket Coach and Queensland Global Connector
- Mr Phil Slade – Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Switch4schools

### **Schools invited to attend:**

- Ian Davies – Garodia International centre for Learning, Head of School/Principal
- Hiten Shah – Smt. Sulochanadevi Singhania School, Lead Counsellor
- Dr. Mildred Lobo – Bunts Sangha's S M Shetty International School, Principal
- Zeenat Syed – Podar International School, Principal
- Ms. Florina Fernandes – Ramniwas Bajaj English High School, Principal
- Dr. Dipika Das – MET Rishikul Vidyalaya, Principal
- Poonam Arora – Bombay Cambridge International School, Principal
- Supriya Mastud – Seven Square Academy Miraroad, Principal
- Ashish Bhatnagar – Ram Ratna International School, Principal
- Lailah Alam – Cathedral and John Connon School, Cambridge Advisor
- Debika Chatterji – JBCN International School, Director Principal
- Priya Anand – Mount Litera School International , Head of School
- Chitkala Kalan – JBCN international School, Parel, Deputy Principal
- Prakash Nair – Dr. Pillai Global Academy, Principal
- Kalyani Vinod – The Somaiya School, Senior Coordinator

### **Meeting Summary**

The Minister acknowledged the significant contribution of Indian students to Queensland's international education sector, with India remaining the second-largest source country since 2010. Reinforcing India as a priority partner, the focus should be on strengthening institutional collaborations and expanding transnational education models, including offshore delivery, articulation agreements, and dual-degree pathways.

Discussions also highlighted the importance of engaging Indian principals and counsellors, given their role in shaping student pathways, while encouraging stronger linkages between schools and Queensland institutions to create clearer, structured pathways.

Overall, the visit underscored the need to deepen engagement with India through a balanced approach across institutional partnerships, transnational education, and student pathways, ensuring a more strategic and sustainable framework for collaboration.



## 15. Meeting with Indian Hotels (Tata) Chief Executive Officer

Date: Thursday 12 March 2026

### **Attendees**

Mr Puneet Chhatwal – Chief Executive Officer, The Indian Hotels Company Limited

Ms Suma Venkatesh – Executive Vice President - Real Estate and Development, Indian Hotels Company Limited

Munish Kaushal – Senior Director, South Asia, Trade and Investment Queensland

Mr Paul Murphy – Consul General of Australia in Mumbai

### **Meeting Summary**

The Minister reaffirmed Queensland's relationship with India as a priority for the State, with tourism as a central pillar of broader trade and investment opportunities. He provided an overview of Queensland's tourism potential, particularly in the lead-up to the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and Queensland's *Destination 2045* tourism strategy.

The Minister spoke about future investment opportunities in Queensland including hotel and accommodation.

Further discussions highlighted that air connectivity between Queensland and India is considered vital to the ongoing development of the Queensland-India trade partnership, with considerable effort invested to date in advocating for aviation routes.



## 16. Meeting with the CEO of Immuneel Therapeutics Pvt Ltd

Date: Thursday 12 March 2026

### **Attendees**

Mr Amit Mookim – Chief Executive Officer, Immuneel

Mr Lakshmikanth Gandikota – Chief Scientific Officer, Immuneel

Munish Kaushal – Senior Director, South Asia, Trade and Investment Queensland

Mr Shibu Mathews – Head, Health, Innovation and Investments, South Asia, Trade and Investment Queensland

### **Meeting Summary**

The Minister met with the leadership of Immuneel Therapeutics to discuss and explore potential partnership opportunities.

## 17. Dinner meeting with Tourism Australia Country Manager

Date: Thursday 12 March 2026

### **Attendees**

Mr Paul Murphy – Australia Counsel General Mumbai

Mr Nishant Kashikar – Country Manager – India and Gulf, Tourism Australia

Ms Ryna Sequeira – Director India Tourism and Events Queensland

### **Meeting Summary**

The Minister thanked Tourism Australia for their efforts in ensuring Australia is an attractive destination for Indian travellers.

The Minister was briefed on current consumer travel sentiment, market trends and any opportunities for Queensland to continue growing visitor arrivals from India.

## 18. Meeting with Thomas Cook (India) Limited and SOTC Travel Limited

Date: Friday 13 March 2026

### **Attendees**

Mahesh Iyer – Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Thomas Cook (India) Limited

Vishal Suri – Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, SOTC Travel Limited

Mr Rajeev Kale – President and Country Head – Holidays, MICE, Visa - Thomas Cook (India) Limited

Abraham Alappat – Head – Marketing, Service Quality, Value Added Services and Innovation, Thomas Cook (India) Limited

Ms Suzanne Pereira – Senior Vice President, Trade Relationships, Service Quality and Communications, Thomas Cook (India) Limited

Shishir Khambete – Vice President at Thomas Cook (India) Limited

Avinash Janjire – Senior Vice President and Head – Marketing, Thomas Cook (India) Limited

Rudrani – Deputy General Manager – Trade Relationships, Thomas Cook (India) Ltd and SOTC Travel Ltd

Roma Tamang – Senior Manager Trade Relationships and Alliances, SOTC Travel Ltd

Ms Ryna Sequeira – Director India Tourism and Events Queensland

### **Meeting Summary**

The Minister thanked the Thomas Cook and SOTC delegation for their ongoing support for Queensland. The Minister shared an update on *Destination 2045* – the roadmap to position Queensland as a global tourism leader and the opportunities the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games present for the tourism and events industry.

Thomas Cook and SOTC provided an India market update including key trends, opportunities, challenges and recommendations. They also enquired about Leisure and Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Events (MICE) opportunities in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032.

Discussions focussed on making Queensland a short haul, year-round destination for India ensuring travellers get value for money – currently only appealing to a very small fraction of the population. Thomas Cook are looking at redirecting the Europe market funds and want to invest in Australia. Indications are that Business Events is a huge opportunity that Queensland needs to focus on.



## 19. Tourism and Events Queensland partner lunch event with VIP's

Date: Friday 13 March 2026

### **Attendees**

Mr Nishant Kashikar – Country Manager, India and Gulf, Tourism Australia

Mr Rajeev Kale – President and Country Head – Holidays, MICE, Visa Thomas Cook (India) Limited

Ms Benazir Nazar – Chief Executive Officer and Director, Akbar Holidays Pvt Ltd

Mr Pratik Shah, Chief Operations Officer – Kulin Kumar Holidays

Mr Pritish Shah – Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Edge Club

Ms Khushnooma Das – General Manager - Products and Trade Relations India, FCM Meetings & Events

Mr Naveen Kukreti – Vice President and Head – West India, MICE, SOTC Travel Ltd.

Ms Sunila Pati – Founder and Director, Veena World

Mr Himanshu Patil – Director, Kesari Tours Pvt Ltd

Ms Ratna Shah – Business Development Manager, Flamingo Transworld

Mr Daniel D'souza – Co-Founder, Dreamsetgo

Ms Aindrila Mitra – Editor, Robb Report India

Ms Ratna Shah – Director of Sales and Business Development, Flamingo Transworld

### **Meeting Summary**

The Minister thanked the attendees for their confidence in, and commitment to Queensland, and encouraged their ongoing support to further strengthen the Queensland-India partnership. The Minister was keen to gain insights into the segments represented (leisure, aviation, business events, Tourism Australia and luxury media) to apply to Queensland's growth strategy in India.

The Minister promoted *Destination 2045* and the refreshed tourism brand, which redefines how Queensland and its iconic tourism offerings are presented globally, particularly to Indian audiences.

The Minister thanked the partners present for their support to Queensland and invited them on the journey towards the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

## 20. Networking with up to 50 Travel Trade, Media and Aviation Partners

Date: Friday 13 March 2026

### **Attendees**

Mr Paul Murphy – Australia Counsel General Mumbai

Nishant Kashikar – Tourism Australia, Country Manager – India and Gulf

Madhu Pai – Tourism Australia, Marketing and Public Relations Manager

Maisha Mukadam – Tourism Australia, Business Development Manager

Rudrani Chatterjee – Thomas Cook (India) Limited, Deputy General Manager - Trade Relationships

Asif Riaz – SOTC India, Vice President - Head of Marketing

Suzanne Pereira – Thomas Cook India Limited, Senior Vice President

Roma Tamang – SOTC India, Senior Manager Trade Relationships

Sajin Nawshad – Akbar Holidays, Director

Phaneendra Pechetti – FCM, Deputy General Manager

Deba Saikia – Senior Manager (Sales), FCM Meetings and Events

Sufail Hussain – Journey Label, Co-Founder

Sheldon Santwan – Editor, Saffron Media

Riaan George – Key Opinion Leader and Freelance Journalist

Prasenjit Chakraborty – TravelBiz Monitor, Executive Editor

Anita Jain – The Digital Travellers, Managing Editor

Farukh Sheikh – The Digital Travellers, Photographer

Saiyami Kher – Celebrity

Vikram Sathye – Cricket Humourist, @vikramsathaye

Tejal Dadlani – All Four Seasons, Senior Manager Sales and Marketing

Veneeta Rawat – Amazing Vacations, Director

Anshu Tejuja Ashoka – Dream Holidays, Managing Director

Vyoma Bhatt – Aspen Vacations, Managing Director

Jatin Shah – Comfort Voyages, Owner

Bhakti Taunk – Eastern Travels, Director

Anosh Kanga – Ahura Explorience, Partner

Jyotin Joshi – Gem Tours and Travels P Ltd, Owner

Nagsri Shashidhar – Nagsri - Creating Special Moments, Owner

Subhash Motwani – Namaste Tourism, Director

Meha Vashi – Nivalink, Director

Reena Sachdev – Travel Arena, Founder

Anil Haribal – Travel Forte, Managing Director

Varun Godia – Varun Worldwide Holidays, Manager - Product Development  
Navneet Kohli – Weldon Travels, Branch Head  
Purvi Jhaveri – Sunday Pure Holidays, Director  
Jyot Jhaveri – Sunday Pure Holidays, Director  
Ritik Bhasin – Penthouse St Regis, Owner  
Karan Vakharia – Pathfinders Holidays, Director  
Sunita Amarnani – V-Explore, Executive Vice President  
Aneesha Chopra – Village Roadshow Theme Parks - GSA India, India head  
Benoit Badufle – Brisbane Economic Development Agency, Director, Southeast Asia  
Ashish Bhandari – Avenir Marketing, Chief Executive Officer  
Ruden Dias – Connect2India, Representative India  
Ryna Sequeira – Tourism and Events Queensland, Director, India  
Juilee Sohani – Tourism and Events Queensland, PR & Marketing Executive - India  
Shivani Joshi – Tourism and Events Queensland, Marketing Manager - India  
Hina Mehta – Tourism and Events Queensland, Trade Manager - India

### **Meeting Summary**

This meeting offered the Minister an opportunity to network with and thank key Indian trade, aviation, and media partners for their confidence in and commitment to Queensland and encourage their ongoing support to further strengthen the Queensland-India partnership.

The Minister promoted the refreshed tourism brand, *Destination 2045* strategy which redefines how Queensland and its iconic tourism offerings are presented globally, particularly to Indian audiences.

Discussions highlighted the launch of Queensland's Global Business Brand which aims to position the State as one of the world's most attractive places to live, study, work, and invest and its alignment with Queensland's priorities around trade, investment, education, and the long-term legacy of Brisbane 2032.

The Minister reinforced Queensland's commitment to the India market with focus on future direct aviation capacity, strong in market presence and leisure and business events.

