

C Grade: Round 5

That the Australian government should prioritise tourism as Australia's main export

Currently, the Australian economy generates revenue primarily by exporting iron ore, coal and natural gas. In recent years, the trend for tourism in Australia has increased, bringing more international revenue into the Australian economy. Tourism exports refer to international visitors spending money on goods and services which boost Australia's economy and export income. While tourism exports can generate revenue, they may result in Australia being more vulnerable to the effects of economic downturns, natural disasters, political instability and pandemics. Despite these challenges, tourism continues to be a significant part of the nation's economy, providing opportunities for growth and diversification.

Some questions to consider:

- What are the economic impacts of prioritising tourism?
- How would focusing on tourism impact Australia's environment and natural resources?
- What are social impacts of increasing tourism in Australia?
- How does Australia's tourism industry compare to other leading export sectors like mining or agriculture?
- How would global events such as pandemics affect Australia's tourism industry?

Some articles to consider:

- <https://theconversation.com/australia-needs-to-invest-if-it-wants-the-tourism-boom-to-continue-71407>
- <https://theconversation.com/why-australia-might-be-at-risk-of-overtourism-99213>
- <https://wttc.org/news-article/australias-tourism-sector-set-to-contribute-record-breaking-265bn-to-the-economy>
- <https://www.ceda.com.au/newsandresources/opinion/workforce-skills/what-does-post-covid-19-tourism-look-like-for-aust>
- <https://www.news.com.au/travel/australian-holidays/entitled-aussies-hit-out-at-whiny-locals-complaining-about-tourist-influx/news-story/4c24cd11c3ad912eaaf286544ad7f892>