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STARBUCKS STAFF SHOULD VISIT *LIVE IN CANBERRA* SITE

Staff affected by the sudden closure of Starbucks stores in the ACT have been urged to visit the Live in Canberra website and follow the employment links, to take advantage of abundant job opportunities in Canberra's retail, service and hospitality sectors.

Chief Minister Jon Stanhope said the *Live in Canberra* website – www.liveincanberra.com.au – boasted links to more than 30 employment websites and a host of job opportunities.

“The Canberra hospitality industry is really feeling the pinch of the tight labour market and I am certain that Starbucks' workers will be quickly and gratefully snapped up by other local Canberra businesses,” Mr Stanhope said.

“We certainly don't want to see any of the people affected by the Starbucks announcement leave Canberra. Affected staff need to know that there are ample job opportunities right here at home, and I am sure local businesses will be keen to get access to such enthusiastic staff with such high-level customer service skills.”

Over the past 12 months the *Live in Canberra* website has had more than 100,000 unique web visits.

The award-winning *Live in Canberra* program, of which the website is a part, was developed by the ACT Labor Government in partnership with the Canberra business community, tertiary institutions and Commonwealth agencies, to help tackle the skills shortage and promote Canberra as a place to live and work.

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