## WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE HON PAUL PAPALIA MINISTER FOR TOURISM

The Western Australian Government, through Tourism Western Australia, is delighted to host a group stage of the ATP Cup Tour.

We're proud to sponsor this exciting new event in world tennis, which has attracted the sport's global superstars to Perth, including current world number one, Rafael Nadal from Spain and Russia's Daniil Medvedev.

They will be joined by top players from Georgia, Italy, Japan, Norway, United States of America and Uruguay, all playing for their country in this historic season-opening tournament of the 2020 ATP Cup Tour. In fact, five of the top ten players will feature here in Perth.

Along with the teams competing, we are also pleased to welcome the many interstate and international visitors to Western Australia that have come here to cheer on players and enjoy the many attractions of our world-class city.

Perth has undergone significant development in recent years and has a variety of new infrastructure that has revitalised the city, including new accommodation offerings, event venues, public spaces and an extensive choice of dining options.

Our city also boasts beautiful sunny weather; ideal for enjoying the natural beauty of the Swan River, the stunning flora in one of the world's biggest inner-city parks, Kings Park and our many sparkling beaches to name just a few attractions.

Just a short trip from the CBD is the premium wine and gourmet food region of the Swan Valley and the aquatic playground of Rottnest Island; home to what is arguably the world's most friendly and famous marsupial, the quokka.

We hope everyone who is visiting takes the opportunity to stay longer and discover why our State is such a fantastic holiday destination. We also encourage visitors to head out to our regional areas to discover their unique appeal and the many cultural and adventure experiences they have to offer.

Finally, we wish all competitors the best of luck for what promises to be a thrilling display of sporting talent, as tennis history is made here in Perth for the debut of the ATP Cup.

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