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Mr Oliver Moon  
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Dear Oliver

Thank you for your letter of 10 May 2010 in relation to the proposal by the President of the WA Local Government Association to amend the *Local Government Act 1995* so that Local Government Authorities can set up business enterprises.

I appreciate being kept informed of the views of the Combined Small Business Alliance of Western Australia and have forwarded your letter to Hon. Ljiljana Ravlich MLC, Shadow Minister for Commerce and Small Business, and Mr Paul Papalia MLA, Shadow Minister for Local Government, for their attention.

Yours sincerely

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Eric Ripper MLA  
**LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION**

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Combined Small Business Alliance of WA (Inc)

25 June 2010



Hon Colin Barnett MLA  
Premier of Western Australia  
Parliament House  
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Premier

**Re: Small Business Commissioner**

With reference to your recent announcement of the appointment of a Commissioner for Small Business, we wish to convey to you our appreciation for the implementation of this important initiative for small business, and we look forward to seeing the terms of reference for the Commissioner.

We also express our appreciation to the Opposition for its support for the initiative.

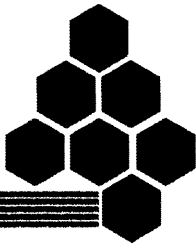
Yours faithfully

**Combined Small Business Alliance  
of Western Australia Inc. (CoSBA)**

**OLIVER MOON**  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Hon Bill Marmion Minister for Commerce; Hon Eric Ripper, Leader of the Opposition; Ljiljana Ravlich, Shadow Minister for Small Business.

**CoSBA**



Combined Small Business Alliance of WA (Inc)

26 June 2010



Hon Colin Barnett MLA  
Premier of Western Australia  
Parliament House  
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Premier

**Re: Small Business**

With reference to our letter to you of 12 May 2010, wherein we addressed to you a number of important questions concerning small business, to which you have not given us the courtesy of a response.

Accordingly, in the absence of a response we are left to conclude that you do not disagree with the concerns we have expressed in each of those questions.

Notwithstanding, we note that our concerns were represented in Parliament on 15 June 2010 by the Shadow Minister for Small Business, Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich, per (**Extract from *Hansard*** [COUNCIL - Tuesday, 15 June 2010] p3701b-3702a), in which the Hansard reports: ". . . *when we look at the budget papers and across the forward estimates, it is a fairly gloomy picture, because the amount of funding for small business over the forward estimates has been reduced.*"

That we would convey to you, operates to further heighten our concerns and confirms your Government's attitude towards small business.

Again we ask, could you please advise on the concerns we have expressed above, and in particular your Government's support for the needs and aspirations of small business, and how that is to be represented by your Government.

Yours faithfully

**Combined Small Business Alliance  
of Western Australia Inc. (CoSBA)**

**OLIVER MOON**  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Hon Eric Ripper, Leader of the Opposition; Ljiljanna Ravlich, Shadow Minister for Small Business.

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Combined Small Business Alliance of WA (Inc)

27 June 2010



Ms Ljiljanna Ravlich MLC  
Shadow Minister for Small Business and Training  
17/53 Cecil Avenue  
CANNINGTON WA 6107

Dear Ms Ravlich

**Re: Small Business**

With reference to the (Extract from *Hansard* [COUNCIL - Tuesday, 15 June 2010] p3701b-3702a), which conveys a clear demonstration of your strong representation of small business in Parliament and your advancement of the concerns CoSBA has communicated to the Government, in particular, the Premier, we wish to convey to you our appreciation.

The Hansard report, in which you stated: ". . . when we look at the budget papers and across the forward estimates, it is a fairly gloomy picture, because the amount of funding for small business over the forward estimates has been reduced." operates to further heighten our concerns and confirms the Government's attitude towards small business.

We acknowledge your strong representation of small business in Parliament, without which small business would be much poorer and would remain a mere voice in the wilderness with a Government that clearly does not support for the needs and aspirations of small business.

Again, we thank you for your support and representation it is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

**Combined Small Business Alliance  
of Western Australia Inc. (CoSBA)**

**OLIVER MOON  
Chief Executive Officer**