



The Hon Tony Abbott MHR
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Dear Mr Moon

Thank you for your letter outlining your organisation's policy statements on particular issues affecting small business in Western Australia.

Our policy development process requires that the widest possible range of ideas and information be taken into account, so I very much appreciate you going to the trouble of conveying your views to me.

The Coalition regards itself as the party of small business.

This is why I took a personal interest in ensuring that we took a comprehensive set of policies to help small business to the last election. By contrast, Labor had not one small business specific announcement or measure.

Since the last election, I have announced:

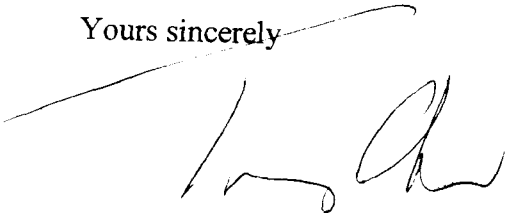
- a PAYG/GST holiday for businesses affected by natural disasters;
- concessional relief loans to small businesses consequentially affected by natural disasters;
- streamlined superannuation reporting, allowing businesses to remit their 9 per cent compulsory super payments for workers directly to the ATO, who would then have responsibility to distribute to individual superannuation funds;
- a pledge to defend family enterprises and the self-employed from attacks by the ATO and the Fair Work Ombudsman, by not changing the existing personal services income tax laws;
- a red tape reduction policy, focussed on small business, committing to a reduction in regulatory compliance of \$1 billion per year; and

- relieving the “small business as Government paymaster” role forced by the paid parental leave scheme, through a Private Members Bill to require Government, rather than small business, to make payments to workers.

The Coalition will continue to advocate for policy that improves conditions for the sector.

Once again, thank you for your letter and for keeping me updated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Abbott', written over a horizontal line.

TONY ABBOTT



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Hon Simon O'Brien MLC**

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Dear Mr Moon

RE: MODEL WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY LAWS

Thank you for your letter of 5 September 2011 to the Hon. Simon O'Brien MLC. The Minister has asked me to convey his thanks for your correspondence and to assure you that your concerns will be taken into consideration as we further assess the proposed regulatory framework.

The Western Australian Government is committed to ensuring that the interests of small business and the community throughout this process.

Yours sincerely



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CHIEF OF STAFF

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