



**Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business
Hon Simon O'Brien MLC**

Our Ref: 29-19778

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Dear Mr Moon:

NATIONAL MODEL WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY LAWS

Thank you for your letters dated 22 and 26 September 2011 about the national model work health and safety laws ('the Model Laws').

The Western Australian Government shares your concerns about the impact of the Model Laws on the small business sector in this State and believes that it is vitally important that the implications of the laws for Western Australian industry be fully assessed to ensure that they are in the best interests of this jurisdiction.

Delays on the part of the Commonwealth in providing the necessary information to enable Western Australia to undertake that assessment have recently prompted me to write to the federal Minister for Workplace Relations, Senator the Hon Chris Evans, urging him to consult with the jurisdictions and delay the national implementation of the Model Laws.

In the event that no such consultation takes place, I will continue to progress the implementation of this reform initiative in a timeframe and manner that meets the needs of Western Australian industry groups and the community interest.

In closing, I would like to reassure you that the Western Australian Government remains committed to ensuring that the current high standards of safety in this State are not eroded as a consequence of the national harmonisation process, and that any changes made to the existing legislation are right for both businesses and workers in Western Australia.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to respond to your concerns.

Yours sincerely

Simon O'Brien MLC
MINISTER FOR COMMERCE

Subject: Re: ACCC STATEMENT ON FRANCHISING LAWS

Date: Saturday, 22 October 2011 11:51 AM

From: Ken Phillips <kenmargp@net2000.com.au>

To: Oliver Moon <ocm7@bigpond.com>

Oliver

This week I'll be taking over as chairman of COSBOA.

Robert Mallet no longer has any managerial role in COSBOA.

From 31 Oct to 16 Nov I'm overseas.

This week the SA parliament pass the small business commissioner Act. It has some beefed up powers.

Under the ICA hat Im making submissions to the Vic govt on beefing up the SBC in Vic particularly good faith bargaining.

I've had prelim discussions with Simon O'briens office on these ideas particularly with Lisa Harvey. When she's back on deck I'm keen to work these ideas up further in WA. Now that Peter Abetz's bill has fallen to one side it seems we can fix a lot of franchise issues through the general powers of the SBC I believe.

I'm keen to explore this in conjunction with you. We'll of course be taking head on the Franchise Council and Fed Labor who seem to be totally in the pocket of the Franchise Council. I've had some general chats with Bruce Billson on this also.

Cheers

Ken Phillips

On 21/10/2011, at 4:46 PM, Oliver Moon wrote:

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CORRESPONDENCE ATTACHED.

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