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Combined Small Business Alliance of WA (Inc)



Date: 12 May 2011

Hon Simon O'Brien MLC  
Minister for Small Business  
Parliament House  
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Minister

**Re: OFFICE OF SHARED SERVICES (OSS) & BUY LOCAL**

Further to the review of the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) into the operations of the OSS, reported on in today's edition of the *West Australian* newspaper, which reports that the ERA has found that the OSS "has . . . been a financial and operational disaster."

Whilst we do not have access to the ERA's confidential report, which it is reported, was released to stakeholders last week, and we are therefore unaware of its contents, for small business the question that arises is has the operation of the OSS been in conflict with and/or in total abrogation of the Government's 'Buy Local' policy.

For example, the aggregation of contracts and not purchasing locally, there by excluding the opportunity for small businesses to participate in Government purchasing, as contemplated by the 'Buy Local' policy.

Could we pleased be informed as to whether the ERA addressed these concerns, and if not, why not.

Yours faithfully

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

**OLIVER MOON**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

cc. Hon Christian Porter MLA, Treasurer.