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Combined Small Business Alliance of WA (Inc)

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Hon W E Marmion MLA
Minister for Commerce
Parliament House
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Minister

Re: LOCAL CONTENT REVIEW

We refer to a media report of 6 November 2010 under the heading "*Local content in focus as manufacturing jobs disappear*", which states in part:

"THE Barnett Government is set to review the state's local-content policy as massive job losses are predicted in WA manufacturing industries next year.

The review comes as local businesses join the growing call by unions and representative groups to address the local-content issue, which has seen lucrative resource contracts go offshore.

"The Department of Commerce is set to review the local-content policy," Commerce Minister Bill Marmion told The Sunday Times.

"As part of this, a draft strategy is also being prepared by the Industry Capability Network Advisory Board to look at ways of gaining work for West Australian companies.

"In the interim, a Local Content Working Group has been established to help maximise local content for the Wheatstone Project."

CoSBA too would add our voice of concern, that the review has the potential to produce a loss of jobs for West Australians, through the Government's purchase of goods and services from large and multinational companies at the expense of small businesses in Perth and the regions.

Yours faithfully

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

OLIVER MOON
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cc: Premier, Hon. Colin Barnett MLA; Hon. B J Grylls MLA; Hon. Lijlana Ravlich MLC, Shadow Minister for Small Business