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2 Million self-employed; their interests are our interest



The Self-employed: What We Need

Hi

Governments cannot make entrepreneurship happen, but they can sure suppress it. Practical ways in which governments can avoid this error are really the theme of [our submission to the Victorian government](#) in response to its request for input on small business policy.

Our submission is extensive. (Don't we always do that!) We look at how to:

- Reform workers' compensation laws to remove confusion. But we predict the WorkCover bureaucrats will resist like crazy! They love their unfettered power!
- Beef up the Small Business Commissioner's powers to bring extra grunt to dispute resolution.
- Bring the small business community into the process of red-tape reduction.

One suggestion is that Victorian government departments should have to agree to submit to Small Business Commissioner decisions in disputes with small business people. This, again, will be resisted by bureaucrats, we think!

Real reform will come when governments lead by example and apply the rules they want for the rest of the community to their own operations. Then government departments may truly understand what it means to 'be in business'.

Our submission brings together a number of the policy positions we're lobbying on for self-employed, small business people. This includes our [Charter of Contractual Fairness](#).

Regards

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PS: Clarification on OHS NSW implementation 'delay'—It appears that the bill the NSW government introduced last week to delay OHS implementation has only been moved in case the federal government decides to delay implementation. Maybe NSW has done this because drafting of the regulations is running late, Victoria and WA say they will delay the laws, and SA is unlikely to pass the laws. Delay seems to be in the air. Here's why we say, [don't delay but stop the laws](#).

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