



Media statement

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Small Business: Too Big To Ignore

Statement by CCI Chief Executive, James Pearson.

CCI Chief Executive James Pearson today joined Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) Chief Executive Peter Anderson at the National Press Club for the launch of the four top priorities for small business in the Federal election campaign.

"The WA business community is standing alongside employers from other States and Territories to call on both the Government and the Coalition to make a commitment to cut red-tape, simplify the tax system, make it easier to employ people and to build better infrastructure," CCI Chief Executive, James Pearson said.

"At a time when WA businesses need to be more competitive, firms are spending too much time and money on compliance which is often unnecessary. Duplicated State and Commonwealth regulations need to be streamlined.

"The tax system has morphed into another barrier for WA business economic growth because it has become too complicated and a deterrent to entrepreneurial activity.

"Attracting and retaining staff has been an issue for many WA employers for years. The Government should make it easier to employ people. This will help projects to go ahead on time and on budget, and deliver wealth and jobs to the businesses that support them, to the State and to the nation.

"Although WA remains a significant driver of the Australian economy, we get relatively little from the Federal Government to help us build the infrastructure that the State economy needs to support growth.

"We need a commitment from the next Federal Government to boost productivity by addressing these big four policy issues that can't be ignored.

"I encourage all businesses to join our campaign, and drive home the message that business cannot be ignored this Federal election," Mr Pearson concluded.

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