Dear Tom

Please accept my apologies for the lateness of this short submission but over the last couple of weeks I was working on finalizing our national annual conference and just ran out of time.

On behalf of BECA I was delighted to be invited to be part of the consultation process.

Submission

BECA represents some 300,000 micro and small businesses across Australia. The BEC mentors work closely with these businesses to assist them in meeting the challenges of our national and regional economies.

Whilst there is no doubt that there are significant differences in the challenges faced by micro and small business, depending on the specifics of location, industry sector and owner demographics, there is one consistent message. That the regulatory framework with its various levels places upon the micro and small business sector significant financial and time related imposts.

Therefore BECA supports all changes that the government makes to reduces that impost.

- BECA would encourage those responsible for making recommendations for changes to the regulatory environment to consider how that each change might affect the small business operator.

- BECA encourages the government to consider closely the definition of small business and further refine that definition to separate those businesses that employ less than 5 people as their operating processes are significantly different from those that have 10 or more employees.

- BECA encourages government to consider those businesses that are home based to also be considered differently as running a home business again is different.

Should you need any further clarification I would be delighted to present in person an expansion of these issues on behalf of the micro and small business sector.

Kind regards
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