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Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman – Discussion paper**

Thank you for the opportunity of providing input into this important initiative. The paper outlines a range of matters being considered for the new role.

The discussion paper is comprehensive in its outline of the various issues. In terms of dispute resolution functions it is critical for the role to encompass disputes with Australian government agencies and to avoid duplication with either current state commissioners or other dispute resolution services.

The role should be a statutory appointment and have sufficient and appropriate functions, powers and operational capability to assist small businesses in the key roles of dispute resolution, commonwealth wide advocacy, contribution to Commonwealth laws and regulations and provision of information services. The broad thrusts of the proposals outlined in the discussion paper are sound.

I look forward to receiving an exposure draft of the proposed legislation in due course and the opportunity to comment at that stage.

Yours sincerely,

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**SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSIONER**

