

Small Business Survey

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// The Abbott Government recognises the crucial role small business plays as the country's number one employer.

Please take a moment to complete this survey and help us learn more about how we can best assist you grow and enhance your business. //

– Michael Sukkar MP



Scan this QR code to provide your feedback online or visit <http://lbr.al/s56>



A **Small Business** update from

Michael Sukkar MP Member for Deakin



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The issues


Please number the four issues that concern you most.

- Cost of electricity and utilities
- Cost and availability of finance
- Difficulty doing business with the Government
- Too much paperwork and red tape for small business
- Union interference in the workplace
- Unfair trade practices of big business
- Access to Government programs and support
- Impact of labour costs on your business

In your view, what is the most important action the Abbott Government could take to help small business?



What is the one piece of Government red tape that you think should be removed?



About politics

Please select one of the following options: (optional)

I ALWAYS support the following party

- Liberals
- Labor
- Greens
- Palmer United Party
- Independent/Other

OR I USUALLY support the following party

- Liberals
- Labor
- Greens
- Palmer United Party
- Independent/Other

OR I don't support any political party

Please complete the following details so that I can stay in touch and keep you updated.

Business name

Title Name

Address

Business ph

Mobile ph

Email

Please return completed survey to:

Email: michael.sukkar.mp@aph.gov.au

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East West Link: A boost for small business



A message from *Michael*



Small businesses are the real 'engine-room' of our economy, employing almost half the private sector work force.

That is why the Coalition Government is committed to helping small business and family enterprises get a better deal from government.

We have already started to reduce business costs by scrapping the Carbon Tax and cutting red-tape to create the right environment for small businesses to grow and prosper.

In this newsletter you will learn more about the steps the Coalition Government is taking to help small business continue to be the 'job creators' of our economy.

Michael Sukkar

Michael Sukkar MP
Member for Deakin

State Labor must build the East West Link, not abandon Melbourne's east.

The East West Link is a vital piece of road infrastructure that will improve productivity, decrease business costs and ease congestion.

The Eastern Section of this essential new road will cut travel time by an average 20 minutes and create 3700 jobs, boosting the Victorian economy.

Freight will flow more efficiently, delivering savings for businesses, and tradies will be able to get to the job faster.

Many Deakin businesses, such as

Daisy's Garden Supplies (co-owner Evan Mulcahy pictured), have voiced their strong support for the East West Link and the savings it will deliver on travel and freight costs.

Unfortunately, the State Labor Government is abandoning the East West Link and Melbourne's east.

The Federal Coalition Government, however, has pledged \$3 billion in funding for the East West Link and remains firmly committed to the project to support Victorian families and businesses.

Voice your support for the East West Link. Email Michael.Sukkar.MP@aph.gov.au



Boosting business

Local businesses, such as Mitcham Newsagency, will benefit from cheaper electricity and lower costs with the abolition of the Carbon Tax.

Delivering on our commitments

- ✓ Repealed the Carbon Tax
- ✓ Established the \$484 million Entrepreneurs' Infrastructure Programme
- ✓ Introduced the Restart Programme, providing an incentive of up to \$10,000 to employers who hire long-term unemployed workers over 50
- ✓ Changed tax thresholds saving businesses \$56 million a year in red tape
- ✓ Established a Small Business Superannuation Clearing House within the ATO
- ✓ Implemented a dedicated small business support line within Fair Work Australia
- ✓ Introduced changes so government agencies pay all small business bills within 30 days or pay interest
- ✓ Established the *Safer Streets Programme* with more CCTVs to make our streets and areas around business safer
- ✓ Improved small business access to Commonwealth contracts

An Economic Action Strategy to deliver long-term growth

The Abbott Government is committed to reducing government debt and getting the nation's finances under control.

The previous Labor Government left Australia with a record \$667 billion in projected debt.

To service Labor's debt the Government is currently borrowing \$1 billion every month to pay back the interest. And this will grow to \$3 billion a month in 10 years if nothing is done.

We're reducing Australia's unsustainable debt now to build a stronger, more prosperous economy – with lower taxes and more opportunities for small businesses.



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SMALL BUSINESS FORUM

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Minister for Small Business, the Hon Bruce Billson MP, will be the special guest speaker at a Small Business Forum on Wednesday, 11 March in Ringwood.

The forum is an opportunity for you to hear first-hand about the Coalition Government's small business policies, share your feedback and ask questions.

The forum will be at Maroondah Federation Estate, 32 Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood, from 6pm to 7:30pm.

RSVPs are essential by Monday, 9 March to Michael.Sukkar.MP@aph.gov.au or 9874 1711.



We hope to see you there!

Cutting red-tape for small business

The Coalition Government is getting on with doing what we said we would – cutting \$1 billion in red and green tape each year.

Since the 2013 election, the Government has more than doubled that target, announcing over 400 measures across the whole of government and removing over \$2.1 billion in compliance costs.

For 32,500 small businesses this means they will no longer have to lodge a Business Activity Statement where there is no GST payable.

Another 340,000 small businesses, which are currently required to submit a BAS statement but have minimal income, will

now be exempted from the pay-as-you-go requirements.

As well, small businesses with government contracts that have not been paid within 30 days will automatically receive interest on their invoices without having to apply for it.

Many of the ideas to cut red tape came directly from members of our community, so please let Michael know if you are being weighed down by unnecessary rules and regulations.



“ We're taking pressure off businesses so they can grow the economy and create more jobs. ”

– Michael Sukkar MP

Help is at hand for local small business



The Australian Government provides multiple avenues of assistance and support for small business.

I'd encourage you to make use of the helplines and explore the programmes available at business.gov.au to help grow and strengthen your business.

- Business.gov.au 13 28 46
- Austrade 13 28 78
- Fair Work Ombudsman Small Business Priority Helpline 13 13 94
- Australian Taxation Office ato.gov.au
- Department of Communications Digital Business digitalbusiness.gov.au

CARBON TAX GONE

DATE JULY 2014 BY ABBOTT GOVERNMENT

- ✓ Cheaper electricity
- ✓ Lower costs
- ✓ Stronger consumer confidence

Small business benefits from repeal of the Carbon Tax

Cheaper gas and electricity

Scrapping the carbon tax will reduce pressure on electricity and gas prices.

More consumer spending power

Scrapping the carbon tax will make households on average, around \$550 a year better off, giving them more to spend and more confidence.

Lower input costs

Scrapping the carbon tax will see savings passed right through the supply chain, from transport to refrigeration, where the carbon tax has unfairly hit businesses.

A more competitive Australia

Scrapping the carbon tax will make Australian businesses more internationally competitive.

