

## **Board of Taxation Review of Impediments Facing Small Business**

### **Terms of Reference**

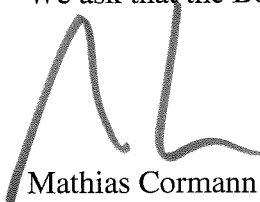
I, Mathias Cormann, Acting Assistant Treasurer, together with Bruce Billson, Minister for Small Business, request the Board of Taxation (the Board) to conduct a fast-track review to identify features of the tax system that are unreasonably or unnecessarily hindering or preventing small businesses from pursuing and achieving their commercial goals.

The Board's report should provide business and broader community perspectives on issues in the tax system that are of most concern to small businesses, and identify the short- and medium-term priorities for small business tax reform in Australia, while noting that frequent change is often cited as a contributing factor to the compliance burden facing small business. In doing so, there should be a particular focus on high priority options for simplification and deregulation.

Recognising that the small business sector is highly diverse, as much as possible the report should focus on aspects of the tax system that unreasonably impede the goals of a broad cross section of businesses, with a particular emphasis on impediments to growing into medium and large business. The Board should not feel constrained to use any specific definition of small business.

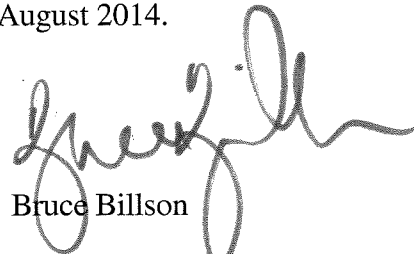
To facilitate the production of this fast-track review, we ask that the Board utilise its extensive links with tax professionals and conduct targeted consultation with key business groups. The Board also should work closely with the Treasury and Australian Taxation Office in preparing its report. Further, the report should utilise and build upon the conclusions of the Board's scoping study of small business tax compliance costs, which was completed in December 2007.

We ask that the Board report to Government by 31 August 2014.



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Bruce Billson

Minister for Small Business