



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **Government Welcomes ACCC's Engagement with Small Business**

The Federal Government has welcomed the release of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) *Small Business in Focus* report which provides valuable feedback on the small business sector's relationship with the Commission.

The report demonstrates a need for the ACCC to continue to increase engagement with small businesses after the number of contacts received from small businesses rose 83 per cent over the last six months.

The ACCC has released eight new publications to provide support to small business owners including five industry guides to help business owners navigate the various industries of motor vehicles sales and repairs, rental cars, electrical and whitegoods, personal services and travel and accommodation.

The Hon. Bruce Billson MP said that "dealing with competition and consumer law isn't easy for people running a small business as they are often the ones serving the customer, doing the payroll and lodging the BAS as well as acting as in-house lawyer."

"As a Government, we want to make Australia one of the best places to start-up and run a small business as we look beyond the mining boom, so it's important our agencies continue to work closely with the small business sector."

Craig Laundy MP said "this increased engagement from the ACCC is vital to provide small business owners in Reid with the support and knowledge they need to ensure the continued survival and success of their business."

The *Small Business in Focus* report can be viewed via the ACCC website:  
<http://www.accc.gov.au/publications/small-business-in-focus>

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