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Well designed regulation can help Governments achieve their economic, social and environmental goals, but excessive regulation can be a burden to business and the community. The costs and time involved with complying with regulation are a major worry for all businesses, particularly small business that don't have the resources to devote to these activities.

For Western Australian businesses, the duplication between Federal and State Government regulations is an area of particular concern. Duplication occurs in areas such as approvals, safety and health, food safety, charities and industrial relations.

Acting to reduce, remove, or streamline regulatory burdens can have significant benefits for business, economic growth and the community overall.

To address these issues, the WA business community will be looking to the next Federal Government to:

- put in place sunset provisions for all business legislation and regulation, as well as a one-in-one-out system, to make sure every rule has to justify its existence and that Government must lose an old one before it makes a new one;
- progress the commitment made at COAG to reduce duplication of regulations, particularly in relation to environmental approvals; and
- repeal the *Australian Jobs Bill 2013* and abolish the Plan for Australian Jobs policy which will add significantly to compliance costs for major projects and do little to help improve Australia's 90% local content hit rate on major resources projects.

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