



Dear Legislation Committee

Re: Ticket Scalping Bill 2018

I run and own a Chartered Accounting Practice, Bluewater Business Solutions with an extensive number of clients. As part of maintaining these business relationships I have provided a number of experiences to clients which they will remember to assist us maintain and win future business.

As the director of our business, I am often time-poor and don't have time to understand what time tickets are released or to know what good events are coming up to potentially entertain our clients.

I am a frequent user of ticket brokers in Australia and rely on them to help me obtain tickets and I can always find the exact tickets that I am searching for to entertain my clients or occasionally, even my own family.

I understand there is new legislation before the Parliament which will mean these ticket brokers will no longer be able to operate in Australia, as placing a 10 percent cap will mean operating such a service will no longer be commercial due to the costs associated with running a local business.

While I appreciate the intention of the legislation is to protect consumers, the reality is consumers will use shady overseas marketplaces such as Viagogo who will ignore this legislation to obtain their sold-out tickets, with no real guarantee that the tickets will allow my clients to gain entry to the event. This is not a risk I would be willing to take.

Unlike a local based ticket broker, these overseas marketplaces contribute nothing to the economy by the way of employment or taxation and will be the only beneficiaries from these new laws.

I hope that you are able to make the necessary recommendations in your report to improve the legislation, ensuring that the reforms will benefit both Western Australian consumers and businesses.

Yours sincerely



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