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Ponnambalam, Aiit

Sent:

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To: Subject: laeisc@parliament.wa.gov.au
Parliamentary Inquiry Franchising

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing to request that the WA government NOT go down the road of state based laws in the area of franchising. If the law is a good idea, then may I request that it be done at a national level?

And as we are all aware, the Franchising Code changed on July 1, 2010 and the ACCC has increased powers. So, my belief is that we should give these changes time to work. And with the best will in the world, no one can protect against failure in the commercial world.

Whilst there are always challenges with any commercial arrangement, disputes in the franchise sector are around 1%. And this does not seem to be indicative of a problem that is out of control.

Therefore may I request that the government not make any unilateral changes to Franchise laws in WA. Instead, I would be grateful if the WA government would work with the Franchise Council of Australia to fine tune the system and make improvements that all parties agree are workable and beneficial in the national interest.

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