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The Chairman
Economics and Industry Standing Committee
Legislative Assembly
Parliament House
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Submission to the WA Government, Economics and Industry Standing Committee Re: Franchising Bill 2010.

Dear Sir/Madam

We are a franchisee in the WA franchising community.

We are not lawyers, so we will probably have to pay one to tell us what this Bill means for us and our business – or rely on what others tell us.

At the moment, others tell us the new laws could create more uncertainty, not more confidence.

Either way, we are wary. We are wary of new rules which may add to the cost of franchising in this State.

We are also concerned at any initiative which creates uncertainty or more conflict as we know that is likely to be negative to the value of our business.

Our question is 'how will these new rules add value to the sector overall or to our business?' Are you able to assure us these new rules will add value to our business? If not, then we have to question the wisdom of putting them in place.

Franchising is a national sector and we believe it is best regulated nationally, not with different rules in different states.

If there is not a clear advantage in putting these new laws in place, then they should be rethought.

Yours sincerely,

Stephanie & John Smith