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Dear Sir

I am writing in relation to the proposed state based legislation for WA.

I have been in franchising in the home based mobile sector since 1991. During this time we have seen many changes, all of which we have complied with and agreed with.

We have also expanded our business to the US (2005) and UK (2002) and I am very familiar with the requirements on disclosure over there.

My belief and experience is that Australia has the best system in the World and operating as a National body makes sense.

My view...

State-based legislation is unnecessary and inappropriate

Do not believe the legislation is needed; ie rogues are not roaming unchecked, disputes are at respectable 1%, and most of the recommendations of the WA and inquiries (2008) have been implemented by the Federal Government and additional enhancements have been made through the 1 July Code changes and the 1 January ACCC powers.

I believe proposed legislation will do more harm than good -- for franchisors and franchisees in WA and elsewhere.

It will undermine confidence, increase risk and retard growth -- a detriment to the WA economies and national GNP.

I support FCA submissions to SA governments

In summary when we already have a working Federal law why change it to State legislation. WA makes up for a small % of franchising within Australia and the added expense of maintaining a law for one state seems ridiculous. Why are the franchisee in WA any different to the rest of Australia, surely one Code is sufficient for all of Australia.

Yours truly,

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