

CoSBA



Combined Small Business Alliance of WA (Inc)

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Senator Chris Evans
Minister for Workplace Relations
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

Re: ADJ CONTRACTING AGREEMENT – FWA FULL BENCH DECISION

With reference to the recent decision of the Full Bench of Fair Work Australia (FWA) in the matter of the ADJ Contracting agreement, we would wish to convey to you our total objection to the decision, and in particular unfair laws of the *Fair Work Act* that facilitate the making of such decisions.

As you would know, the majority of contractors in the construction industry are small businesses, and this FWA decision opens the door to unfettered thuggery, intimidation and coercion to be visited upon small business contractors by unions to secure their signatures on union pattern agreements that they neither want nor agree to.

Accordingly, CoSBA calls upon your Government to take urgent action to have this decision overturned and to prevent FWA from making of such repugnant decisions in the future.

Yours faithfully

**Combined Small Business Alliance
of Western Australia Inc. (CoSBA)**

OLIVER MOON
Chief Executive Officer

cc.: Senator Sherry, Minister for Small Business; Senator Eric Abets, Shadow Minister for Workplace Relations; Bruce Billson, Shadow Minister for Small Business.