

The members of the Small Business Advisory Committee have been appointed as independent persons. The SBAC members are:

Mr Gary Black, Executive Director, National Retail Association, has an extensive depth and breadth of experience in the employer and industry aspects of regulation and compliance for small business. Mr Black has previously held industrial relations, advocacy and management positions with a number of Australia's leading employer organisations.

Mr Greg Evans, Director, Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, has extensive experience in economic policy advice across a range of business sectors and issues. Mr Evans's other appointments include board member of the International Chamber of Commerce (Australia); a member of the Government's Standard Business Reporting Board and membership of the Panel of Experts reviewing Australia's superannuation system. Mr Evans is the immediate past Chair of the International Chamber of Commerce (Australia).

Mr Tom Fisher, Fisher Advisory Services, is a small business owner with considerable knowledge and understanding of the regulatory issues affecting small business. Mr Fisher has previously held roles as the Federal Safety Commissioner, Chief Executive Officer of the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission and was also Head of the former Office of Small Business. Mr Fisher has represented Australia at the World Congress on Safety and Health at Work, where he chaired the Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting.

Dr Michael King, Managing Director, Kings Australia, is an experienced small business owner with an in-depth understanding of the regulatory environment impacting small business. Dr. King was a member of the Victorian Government's Small Business Advisory Council and is a long standing board member of G21, a formal alliance of government, business and community organisations for the Geelong region.

Mr Anthony Matis, CPA Australia, has an extensive knowledge on the compliance issues facing small business across a range of sectors. Mr Matis's past and present appointments have included Chairman of the National CPA SME Board Advisory Sector Committee and Board member of the Australian Children's Music Foundation. Anthony is the immediate past CEO of the Australian Newsagents Federation.

Ms Su McCluskey, Chief Executive Officer, Council of Rural Research and Development Corporations, has broad policy experience, especially in taxation, regulatory and rural affairs. Ms McCluskey is the immediate past Executive Director of the Office of Best Practice Regulation and has previously held senior policy positions with the Business Council of Australia, the National Farmers Federation and the Australian Taxation Office.

Mr Robert Powell, Director, BDO Australia, is a long standing chartered accountant with significant experiences around SME issues, specifically tax and superannuation.

Mr Powell is extensively involved with SME working groups and is an acknowledged spokesperson on business and taxation issues affecting small business.

Ms Claire Prendergast, Starfish Business Solutions, is a small business owner who has a breadth of experience on small business issues across a range of industry sectors. Ms Prendergast works with a number of Indigenous businesses and communities as a business consultant and has a good understanding of the complexities of doing business in regional and remote areas. Ms Prendergast has previously provided consultancy services to Government, including on the DEEWR Indigenous Employment Panel, Indigenous Business Australia and Tourism Australia.

Ms Jan Taylor, Principal, JTA Australia, has a broad experience across a wide variety of small business issues and sectors. Jan has experience as the Queensland Director of Fair Trading and Commissioner for Consumer Affairs. Additionally, Ms Taylor has previously been a member of the Queensland Competition Authority, Building Services Authority, Australian Council of Businesswomen, Retail Trading Hours Inquiry, and the Australian Government's Export Beef Review.