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Liberal's plan will strengthen small business

'Today's release of the Liberal Party's plan for the small business sector will provide small business owners some significant measure of confidence that the party sees the sector as a key plank of Tasmania's recovery', said Chair of the TSBC Geoff Fader in Hobart today.

'Shadow Minister Adam Brooks MP has outlined a number of initiatives including the Retail Ready for Business and the Think Local First policies which will give retailers a boost through increasing operative's education and community education. In concert they should significantly increase Tasmanian retail trade and create employment opportunities for one of Tasmania's largest employer groups.'

'The campaign reducing compliance burden for all businesses, especially small businesses, will continue to gain significant support because of the complete lack of productivity created by unnecessary red and green tape. Competent oversight of this huge task is vital and the creation of a Regulation Reduction Coordinator is welcomed.'

Tony Cook, Dep Chair of TSBC applauded the proposed expenditure of \$200,000 on the Winning Government Work Program which should assist civil contractors and the building industries compete against large suppliers who have increasingly been under economic pressure in Tasmania.

'Enhancing the capacity of small contractors to access public infrastructure projects will significantly increase job opportunities and provide certainty for existing operators and has the potential to re employ many of the forest and mining workers displaced by the recent significant reductions in those industries', he said.

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