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Dear Mr Tembel *Adrian*

Please find enclosed a Notice of Inquiry into Review of Red Tape which sets out the terms of reference for the inquiry.

I thank you and the South Australian Productivity Commission in advance for your efforts in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Peter Malinauskas
PREMIER

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Attachment: Notice of Inquiry – Review of Red Tape.

Terms of Reference

The Commission's inquiry should identify and prioritise reforms to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden on businesses in South Australia, with a focus on lowering costs, improving timeliness, reducing barriers to market entry, and supporting investment, productivity, innovation and economic growth.

The inquiry should identify specific priority reform opportunities in state and local government regulation, including targeting areas where South Australia is demonstrably more restrictive or burdensome than other similar jurisdictions. Consideration should be given to comparable international experience where appropriate.

In making recommendations, the Commission's focus should be on practical and specific regulatory reforms that could be implemented in South Australia at either the state or local government level.

The final report should include a prioritised reform package ranked by impact.

The Commission could draw on previous SAPC work (below) and relevant national Productivity Commission reports:

- Extractives Supply Chain Review, August 2020
- Development Referrals Review, October 2021
- Tourism Regulation Review, October 2022.

Scope

The scope of the inquiry is limited to state and local government regulations impacting on business activities undertaken in the state. This includes:

- Licensing and approvals (planning, environmental, occupational)
- Compliance obligations (reporting, audits, inspections)
- Interactions with regulators and agencies.

The inquiry is to focus on the impact of the regulations in practice which could include exercises such as benchmarking time to decision / approval or identifying any duplication or inconsistent reporting requirements across agencies. The inquiry could also prioritise opportunities for increased digital interaction by business with government in areas where manual processes remain.

The term 'red tape' is sometimes interpreted in a broad sense to include areas such as taxation or cost recovery fees. For the avoidance of doubt revenue policy is not in scope of this inquiry. In undertaking consultation for this inquiry, the Commission will need to take this into consideration.

Whole of government processes for monitoring and managing regulation have been the subject of past reports; as such reforms in this area are not in scope for this inquiry. However, the inquiry could provide advice on mechanisms to best support the implementation of local government-level regulatory reforms.

Inquiry process

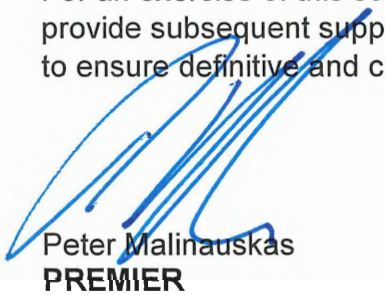
The Commission will consult with SA agencies, industry, relevant peak bodies and other key stakeholders during the inquiry. Industry outreach is to be a core part of the process, and the Commission should make efforts to solicit industry feedback through multiple mechanisms.

The Commission is to release an issues paper at the beginning of the inquiry process and if considered useful an interim report by end January 2027.

To inform its deliberations, the Commission is to share its relevant draft recommendations with relevant government agencies and other key stakeholders for feedback prior to concluding the final report. The Commission is free to make recommendations notwithstanding feedback received.

A final report is to be provided to me no later than June 2027.

For an exercise of this scope, the Commission may, should it be considered necessary, provide subsequent supplementary reporting around its recommendations and findings to ensure definitive and complete advice.



Peter Malinauskas
PREMIER

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