

# CoSBA



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## **Submission - MRRT and related measures Repeal**

Dear Sir/Madam,

CoSBA is Western Australia's Voice for Small Business. We submit that repealing the MRRT is a positive step for business in Australia.

We are however most concerned that Superannuation, a blight on Small Business, continues to remain as policy for future retirement funding. It has been the cause of significant business failures effectively increasing the taxation burden where it is least affordable. This insidious cost remains in good and bad times as a yoke on Small Business.

A 33% increase in the cost of Superannuation from 9 to 12% even over an extended period is unsustainable against ever increasing international competition, staggering compliance costs and poor productivity in Australia. The proposed delayed introduction is of no comfort.

Many will have contracts with staff that indicate the business pays Superannuation at the enforced rate meaning that the new increase will not come out of the employee's salary. Should our objection for the increase from 9-12% be put aside, this aspect needs to be addressed in the legislation that new increases come out of the employee's salary unless the company agrees otherwise.

Small Business is suffering great difficulty and there are uncertain times ahead. We submit that current burdens are excessive and that this is simply a step too far.

Yours faithfully,

Rod Henderson  
Vice President  
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