



Franchise Council of Australia Media Release

Independents & Greens tell FCA they are keen supporters of small business

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Franchising and small business generally will be considered, the FCA has been assured by the four independents undertaking negotiations in Canberra yesterday with the Prime Minister and the leader of the Opposition.

FCA Executive Director Steve Wright spoke to all of the four in Canberra yesterday. "They all told me they are keen supporters of small business and have committed to putting small business interests high on their agenda," Mr Wright said. He said he anticipated the same support from Tasmanian independent Andrew Wilkie and new WA National Party MP Tony Crook, if they joined the Independents on the cross benches.

"This is good news for the sector," Mr Wright said.

"We are simply looking for stability. Stability in-line with the previous Government's promise to let the July 1st changes to the Franchising Code of Conduct settle, and the benefits take root".

"We have had plenty of discussions about franchising rules from both sides of politics over the past 2 years. We now need a period of stability to allow the changes introduced on July 1 to settle," Mr Wright said.

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