

### **What is Small Business Matters?**

Small Business Matters is a new political party representing the perspective of small business owners across Australia. Small Business Matters is being formed to seek representation in the upper house of State and Federal government.

### **Who is leading Small Business Matters?**

Small Business Matters will be led by independent City of Sydney Councillor Angela Vithoukias, a small business owner and advocate who has most recently successfully campaigned for small business owners to receive rent relief to compensate for the devastating impact of light rail construction in Sydney's CBD and surrounding suburbs.

### **What does Small Business Matters stand for?**

For too long the major political parties have made decisions without considering the impact on small business owners, their employees and families right across Australia.

Small Business Matters will give small business a voice as part of the parliamentary process. We will make sure that Government considers the impact of their decisions on small businesses BEFORE signing off on large infrastructure projects or implementing more rules, regulations and red tape.

### **Why do things need to change?**

Nine out of ten Australian businesses are classified as small businesses, employing over 40% of the Australian workforce. Small business also contributes 33% to the country's GDP, yet they are not represented by the major parties who are more interested in keeping the interests of big business and their supporters satisfied. Things need to change to ensure that small business owners can build, employ more people and get on with running their businesses.

### **How can you help?**

To run for election, we need members, volunteers and small business champions. Please fill out the membership form to join the Small Business Matters Party. Only people registered to vote in Australia can join the party.

### **What does membership mean to you?**

Membership is free and by supporting Small Business Matters you are giving small business a voice, creating more local jobs and helping build a future for our children and families across Australia. Thank you.