

Media Release

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ANDREW BROAD SUPPORTS NEW RECOMMENDATIONS CALLING FOR THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE SPENDING.

The recent release of the final report from the Joint Select Committee on Government Procurement has called on the Australian Government to improve the rules on how they spend their money.

As of March 1 2017 new rules came into effect and the Joint Select Committee was formed to investigate the implementation of the rules, and how they could be strengthened to increase economic benefit.

The Committee's recommendations include: amending the rules to require all goods purchased by the Australian Government to comply with national standards, introducing policy to promote environmentally sustainable procurement, the appointment of an independent Industry Advocate to provide support for businesses to access Commonwealth contracts, and a publication of guidelines to inform officials' application of the rules in a consistent, transparent and equitable manner.

Member for Mallee Andrew Broad says he supports the recommendation the Australian Government's purchases should comply with national standards, supporting Australian businesses and industries.

"I believe it's extremely important for the Australian Government to lead by example, we should be favouring Australian businesses where we can," Mr Broad said.

"I'd like to see these rules implemented, Australians should be supporting other Australians, and the benefits of this to our economy will speak for themselves."

"In the Electorate of Mallee we have just about everything we need right here and it can be sourced and purchased locally, so that means the Australian Government should be able to do the same."

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