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South Australia to Remove Outdated Legislation

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The South Australian Premier the Hon Jay Weatherill MP has announced the Government will hold a 'Simplify Day' on 15 November 2016 to repeal out-dated and redundant legislation in order to remove red-tape for business.

The Premier's media release is available here.

The Premier has invited the local community, business and key stakeholders to participate in a month-long consultation process to determine what the operational challenges are for business in South Australia.

The South Australian Government will focus on areas covering the State's ten economic priorities including government rules and processes, compliance, competitiveness and removing duplication. The economic priorities were released in 2014.

South Australia's 10 Economic Priorities are available here.

Hawker Britton's Occasional Paper on the South Australian Economic Priorities Review is available <u>here.</u>

The South Australian Government will be seeking feedback on the following specific issues:

- Whether South Australia Government processes are less competitive than other states and territories;
- Government rules and processes that are outdated and unnecessary that impact on business and prevent businesses from employing people and growing;
- Compliance and obligations that are important to business owners but are overly complex and stop business from growing; and
- Whether there are instances where a business has to deal with more than one government department on similar rules.

The South Australian Government had established the Simpler Regulation Unit in 2014 to work with businesses and key stakeholders to reduce red tape and reform regulation to support and encourage innovation, new investment and create jobs.

This announcement comes a year after the Weatherill Government introduced major reforms to the tax system, with stamp duty on non-real property transfers abolished.

Submissions relating to 'Simplify Day' will close on 13 August 2016.

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