

There are major impediments in the form of pointless obstruction from the ATO and FWO insofar as the making of contractor/subcontractor arrangements is concerned.

I have written to all relevant departments, and been assured in writing by the Department of Employment that the ATO and FWO have no right telling people that they SHOULD be an employee or not. They are quite clear that the Independent Contractors Act does not permit the ATO or FWO to interfere in the contract entered by the two parties. Nevertheless the ATO and FWO are both adamant that they are entitled to interfere and will continue to do so.

While we have the Department responsible for the Act taking one line, and two other Departments taking a contrary line, businesses continue to be harassed, menaced, threatened and prosecuted, and many simply give up.

It is truly a shame that the conflicting approaches of the departments is well known and has been for years, yet nothing is done to resolve it. As far as accountable government is concerned, this is just plain pathetic.

Yours sincerely

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