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Subject: statement

My name is Warren Ballantyne and I am founder and Managing Director of the Gutter-Vac Franchise business, I am expressing a very small part of my thoughts regarding the public statements that are being made about the Franchise sector in Australia.

“I wish to express my thoughts on the comments that are currently being express by ill informed politicians, there is not doubt every industry has groups of people that are unscrupulous and that will take advantage of the unsuspecting but in my view Franchising is one of the industries that is very well systemized and has all the checks and balances to make it a trustworthy and reliable form of business investment. It is impossible to have any industry that is bullet proof from those that would take advantage of the weak or unsuspecting, I personally take exception to the accusations that are being made about our industry and I would like to see one of these politicians invest half a million dollars of there money as we did to establishing a business model just to have some half informed public servant strike it down so they have their 5 minutes of fame.

I am extremely angry and disappointed that one of the biggest employees of small business can be on the brink of extinction because of these incredibly irresponsible opportunists.

The FCA and governing bodies for the Franchise sector have my company support and I believe the Franchising sector should be actively involved in ensuring these public servant are not in office at their next elections.”

Regards



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