

AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRATS

MINORITY REPORT

The Australian Democrats have repeatedly indicated our strong concerns that the *Trade Practices Act 1974* has some weaknesses and deficiencies, particularly in the protection of small business from unfair competition.

We have an unease that some aspects of the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005 will not improve the operation of the Trade Practices Act in ensuring fair competition within the Australian economy. We will introduce appropriate amendments and deal with the Bill when it is before the Senate.

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Australian Democrats Senator for Western Australia

