

Small Business Commission Act 2017

The Small Business Commission Act 2017 (the Act) establishes the Small Business Commission (the Commission) to enhance a competitive and fair operating environment for small business in Victoria.

The Commission is constituted by the Small Business Commissioner, as head of the Commission. The Act also repeals and re-enacts with amendments the *Small Business Commissioner Act 2003*.

The Act comes into effect on 1 July 2017.

What are the key changes?

As well as establishing the Commission, the Act introduces additional functions and powers to enable the Commission to:

- resolve disputes between businesses and a broader range of organisations, including professional associations, educational institutions, industry bodies and certain special bodies within government
- review proposed legislation in terms of its potential to adversely affect small business
- work with similar small business commissioners in other States, Territories, or similar Commonwealth Agencies, to enhance conditions for small businesses
- advise or comment on the development of legislation and regulatory policy relating to small business and related matters.

The Commission will continue to provide its full range of existing functions, including its effective and low cost mediation services and its education and information function to assist small business to minimise disputes.

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