

1. Taxation Reform

A lighter overall tax burden on business and individuals can drive economic growth, jobs and stronger government revenues.

Reduced Income Tax and Company Tax and removing Payroll Tax are top of the list, while of particular importance to small business is reform of Capital Gains Tax.

2. Investment in Human and Physical Infrastructure

Investment in skills and in transport and logistics infrastructure in urban cities and regions will lift productivity, efficiency and respond to changes in demography.

3. Budget and Fiscal Responsibility by Governments

Having invested public funds heavily to stave off recession, governments must return budgets to surplus over the economic cycle to take pressure off borrowings and interest rates.

4. Policy Responsiveness to the Flexibility, Skill, Productivity and Participation Requirements of Modern Workplaces

Employers and employees share substantial common interests and seek to operate within a framework of fair and economically responsible behaviours and standards.

Targeted investment in training and skills development must be a priority before growth returns to trend.

Workplace relations change based on experience with the 'fair work' system must be implemented as the system evolves.

5. Sustainability in Economic, Energy, Water, Climate and Environmental Policy

Long term business planning requires investment certainty, the minimisation of sovereign risk and reliable sources of energy supply.

6. Restoration of the Flow of Capital after the Global Financial Crisis

Increased competition amongst well-supervised, governed and managed financial institutions is essential to economic growth and business confidence.

7. Encouragement of Participation in the Nation's Economic Affairs by Small Business and Independent Contractors

Rewarding personal entrepreneurship creates jobs and adds wealth to families and local communities.

Our plan is to aim for one in four people in work to be working for themselves in five year's time. It is currently one in five.

8. Deep Engagement in the Economic Activity of our Asian Region and the Global Economy

Market access and the removal of border and behind the border protectionism in other nations will advance growth and living standards in Australia and our region.

9. A Programme of Regulatory Reform Aimed at Reducing the Red-tape Burden on Business

Well-designed regulation and effective functioning of the federation supports the seamless operation of a national economy and business efficiency.

10. A Reduction in the Cost and Size of Government

Governments must deliver necessary public services efficiently, but the amount of money governments spend on themselves must be reduced by 2% a year for each of the next five years.