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1. I have only had unfair contract terms imposed on government contracts so I implore you to ensure the new legislation protects small business from unfair terms imposed by government not just big business (Note: particularly difficult unfair contract terms include: that govt can cancel the contract at any time without giving a reason and with no penalty, and the contract that states the Minister owns any IP used – this is now standard in so many govt contracts (at all 3 levels) and requires legal advice and stressful arguing each time to combat – which is unpleasant. Its unfair when we won the contract because of our pre-existing IP.
2. Locally the Small Business Commissioner tells me I have no protections/ no help from them if I accept an unfair contract from Federal Government
3. I believe it is imperative that all unfair contract laws apply to all levels of government contracting with small business
4. I believe unfair contract laws need to be broader – why protect small businesses only? Why 20 employees or less? Doesn't a business with 100 employees or subcontractors deserve such protection too? Yes!
5. \$1million is too low a figure – I can see no reason why \$5 million wouldn't provide fairer protections (or no \$ limit at all) – this is about FAIRNESS – and we need some of it!

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