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Franchising Code of Conduct options paper out for comment

As the next step in its response to the report of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services inquiry into franchising, the Government has released an options paper inviting final comment from relevant parties and the broader community.

The purpose of the options paper is to seek written comment on the amendments to the Franchising Code of Conduct discussed in the Joint Committee's report.

The options paper builds on the consultation process undertaken to date and seeks new or additional information to that already provided in submissions to the Joint Committee.

This options paper requests comment against a series of very specific questions which clarify and fine tune the feedback we have received to date.

The Government is particularly interested in any potential change to the code that may affect costs and risks faced by franchisors and franchisees.

In order to keep the consultation process moving forward, any parties wishing to provide comment on some or all of the questions contained in the options paper are requested to do so by no later than close of business on 10 July 2009.

The options paper and information on how to submit comments is available at:

http://www.innovation.gov.au/Section/SmallBusiness/Documents/Franchising%20Consultation%20Paper%2016_06_2009.pdf

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