



# media statement

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## New leader can deliver fresh policy approach.

### Statement by CCI Chief Executive, James Pearson.

The State Labor Party has chosen to go in a new direction. That means the Party can remove the policy road-blocks that have been holding back reform. In particular, reversing their opposition to Sunday trading which flies in the face of public opinion and consumer demand.

The State Labor Party has the opportunity to develop more business-friendly policies that will encourage private sector investment and the wealth and job creation that will bring.

WA needs a strong opposition that is able to hold the government to account and provide alternative policies.

There are many challenges facing the state including the high cost of doing business, difficult global financial conditions, as well as meeting the infrastructure and skills demands of the massive pipeline of business investment flowing into the state.

CCI wishes the new leader of the state Labor Party well and looks forward to working with the Government and Opposition to make it easier to do business in WA.

Eric Ripper can be proud of his significant contribution to economic reform, particularly in the energy sector and taxation. He has enjoyed the respect of the business community in his senior roles in government and opposition.

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