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1. Competitive Neutrality: we are pleased to see that despite this being largely a state matter, it has been identified for review. A case we know of: jails establishing printerries which undercut small family commercial operations.

2. Free Trade Agreements: IP around manufacturing being negotiated and enforced. Our case: shoes being manufactured in China with no IP protection. Also IP in the services sector eg education needing protection. The issue of the potential use of ISDS by large foreign businesses to object to the establishment of, for example, higher Australian quality standards which are being introduced by, among others, family businesses.

3. Cross border rules: state regulations acting in a way to limit trade and growth because small and family business needs to adjust their practice in different jurisdictions, and hence does not expand their business activities.

4. Industry Regulations: our case: 3 regulating bodies Gas Safety, Plumbing Industry Commission and Australian Refrigeration Council. Here's our member's statement: "My Company is a Mechanical Service Contracting Business. We employ Engineers (both Mechanical and Electrical), Plumbers, Refrigeration Mechanics and Electricians. We carry out Commercial works on Large projects. There are three regulating bodies Office of Gas Safety (Energy Safe), Plumbing Industry Commission and ARCTICK Australian Refrigeration Council Ltd. We have regular inspections by all three bodies. When we complete a project we send a Compliance certificates for Electrical, Gas Fitting Notices, Plumbing Compliance certificates and although each project has no ARTICK paperwork we are audited every year to indicate which project used each Kilogram of Refrigeration gas. We can be randomly inspected by all three Authorities, even while driving. I acknowledge that each of these regulating bodies have important roles for Public." Other instances that may lead to restrictions in industry growth particularly in the regions may be inherent in the regulations devised by accrediting industry associations in the design of new university courses.

5. Dispute Settlement Procedure: in the redesign of dispute settlement procedures reference should be made to the development of the Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman's new role, and the outsourcing of ASICs Registry function.