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## **Supporting Small Business A Key State Government Priority**

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton welcomed news that the State Government is supporting local jobs by ensuring that small businesses have improved opportunities to tender for Main Roads WA road construction contracts.

"This is an important new initiative whereby the Transport Minister, Simon O'Brien has instructed Main Roads to ensure that contracts worth a minimum of \$20 million per annum are made available to small local businesses," said Dr Nahan.

"That will have a two-fold benefit of not only assisting local companies to gain new contracts but it will lead to the creation of more local jobs."

"I encourage small local businesses that are able to apply for Main Roads construction contracts to do so. This opportunity has previously not existed, which has limited the new contracts that local businesses could take on. This new proposal should make a considerable difference to the viability of many local small businesses."

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