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### **Government amends Trade Practices Act**

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The Government has announced that it will be introducing legislation to strengthen the secondary boycott provisions of the Trade Practices Act 1974 (TPA) allowing the ACCC to take representative action in relation to the TPA's secondary boycott provisions. This will assist small businesses in recouping losses suffered as a result of illegal boycott conduct.

The legislation will amend section 87 of the TPA to enable the ACCC to bring representative actions on behalf of persons who have suffered, or are likely to suffer, loss or damage as a result of a breach of sections 45D and 45E of the TPA.

The amendments will place the secondary boycott provisions in the same position as other provisions in Parts IV, IVA, IVB V and VC of the TPA, for which the ACCC can bring representative actions.

The Government has also been preparing a separate Bill to strengthen the misuse of market power and unconscionable conduct provisions of the TPA. The Government will introduce these amendments into Parliament in the near future in a separate Bill.

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