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Embarrassing back down by Rau: safety codes suspended

Industrial Relations Minister, John Rau, has today suspended three codes made under the new Work Occupational Health and Safety Laws.

These codes were designed by the Weatherill Labor Government. The codes have now been suspended by the Weatherill Labor Government.

This is an embarrassing back down by Minister Rau, whose office oversaw the drafting and implementation of the codes that impact the building Industry.

The State Liberals moved a motion to disallow the codes. Rather than vote on the motion, the Weatherill Labor Government has suspended the codes.

The Small Business Commissioner examined the codes and described them as:

“Red Tape gone mad” and found that for Small Business it’s *“almost impossible to comply”*.

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The Commissioner found that Small Business were subject to significant financial impacts as a result of the codes.

The Minister didn’t realise this. Cabinet didn’t realise this – it took the Small Business Commissioner and the State Liberals to highlight this issue.

“The State Liberals welcome the suspension of the codes and hope a simpler and cheaper solution can be found,” said Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations Iain Evans.