

As the owner of a small business which has been struggling in a rural area through times of drought, followed by the financial crisis, escalating rental and electricity costs, along with increased interest rates, AND the Australian dollar being as high as it is, which for us, equates to less tourists within our region, I am outraged that we are to be charged for doing AUSTRAC work.

We did not ask for these measures although I can fully appreciate the need for money laundering and suspicious transactions to be tracked. The reporting takes up my valuable time for which I receive no compensation. Further more, we have nothing to report since implementation of these procedures. Why should we have pay ? There is nothing tangible to pay for.

Any fee will place an ongoing additional burden which I can ill afford.

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