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Premier Daniel Andrews
1 Treasury Place
Melbourne VIC 3002

Dear Premier

Re: Business Support Fund - Expansion eligibility concerns

I write on behalf of businesses across the Euroa electorate regarding eligibility criteria for the Business Support Fund - Expansion.

As you would be aware, sole traders and businesses that are not eligible for JobKeeper are unable to access funding under the program.

I have been contacted by a number of sole traders and businesses across my electorate who have missed out on funding and who have received no assistance from the government.

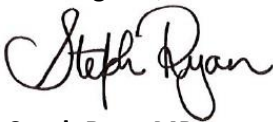
These businesses are hurting and are in desperate need of financial support to ensure they survive the lockdown period.

I would particularly like to note that in some circumstances businesses that opened less than 12 months ago are even more vulnerable than those that were established prior to the pandemic.

More must be done for the businesses that have had no financial support.

I would urge you to expand the Business Support Fund – Expansion criteria to ensure that businesses outside of the current eligibility are captured and supported appropriately.

Kind regards,



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