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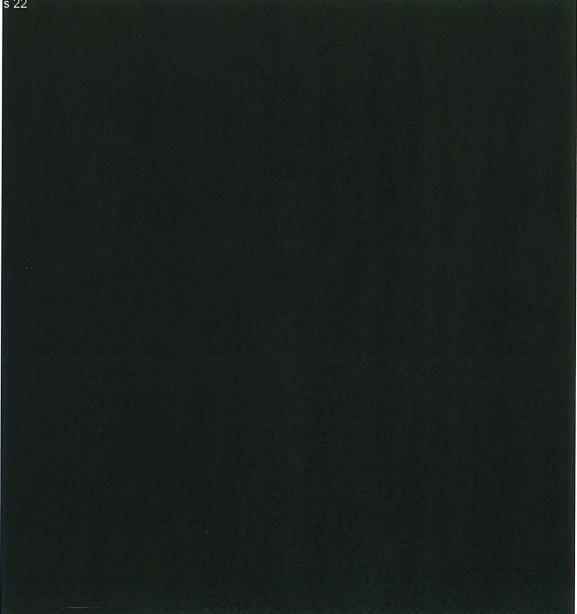
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The Honourable Tony Abbott Prime Minister of Australia Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600 Business Council of Australia



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Dear Prime Minister



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The Commission of Audit is examining duplication between the Commonwealth and the states, which must be unwound if governments are to meet their fiscal challenges. § 22 s 22

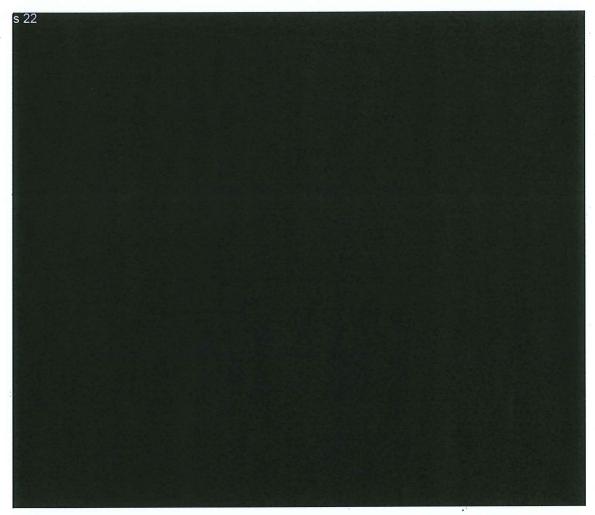


Yours sincerely



A.F. (Tony) Shepherd AO President





Government services

What should be on the agenda

 COAG should develop a joint response to the Commonwealth's Commission of Audit regarding recommendations that are relevant to Commonwealth-state duplication.

Why it should be on the agenda

The government's proposed National Commission of Audit provides a timely opportunity to thoroughly review and consider how governments respond to the changing needs and priorities of the Australian community and deliver on these in the most efficient, effective and fiscally sustainable manner into the future.

COAG should develop a detailed response to the Commission's recommendations that impact on services that are a shared responsibility of the Commonwealth and states and territories.

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