



PRIME MINISTER

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BLF DE-REGISTRATION

- APPEAL FOR SUPPORT FROM THE STATES

The Commonwealth Government has approached the States and the Northern Territory requesting support for Commonwealth initiatives to make de-registration of the BLF effective.

I have written today to all State Premiers and the Chief Minister for the Northern Territory.

The Commonwealth has decided on a range of measures which could be taken to act against those firms which choose to continue to co-operate with a de-registered organisation. The Commonwealth is now asking the States to take part in the post de-regulation stage.

Commonwealth Departments and authorities will no longer enter into leasing arrangements with these companies. State Premiers are being asked to take a similar approach.

There are a number of areas where State and local governments and their authorities can take action. Rentals, issue of permits and investment of governmental funds in the building and construction industry are appropriate areas for examination.

By taking determined action, complementing the Commonwealth initiatives, the States can ensure that common objectives are achieved.

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