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Dear Editor,

During the last week's Parliamentary sitting, we were able to pass legislation to reinstate the Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC) to restore confidence and stability on Australian worksites and among small business – delivering on yet another key election commitment from the Coalition Government.

Australia's construction sector has more than 340,000 small businesses and about 97% of the construction sector businesses are small. But with bullying tactics, intimidation and delays drawn-out across the sector, small business suffered with costs of up to a third more. This independent watchdog will create a balance between the building and construction sector and the unions.

This is why the passage of the ABCC was so critical for small business. It ensures activity on worksites and limits union recklessness, meaning more Australians have the jobs and opportunities they deserve while fostering nation-building infrastructure.

The ABCC does not inhibit the union movement from protecting workers' safety in a lawful way.

Bullying and name calling is something Mr Katter and the CFMEU have in common and I refuse to lower myself to that standard.

On the other hand, I will not shy away from asking the tough questions. I will make sure Maranoa's voice will always be heard in the House of Representatives rather than the interests of the CFMEU or any other organisation or institution which does not uphold the interests of Maranoa.

Yours sincerely,

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