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## COALITION TO STRENGTHEN VICTORIA'S COMPETITION

- **FULL REPORT OF VICTORIA'S COMPETITIVE FUNDAMENTALS**
- **ROUND TABLE FOR GEN X AND GEN Y**

The Victorian Liberal Nationals Coalition in Government will commission a competitiveness report on the Victorian economy.

The report – *A Stronger Victoria* – would cover the full spectrum of this state's competitive fundamentals from state taxes and regulation, to the quality and price competitiveness of our infrastructure services, our education and skills base.

This report will entail the most far-reaching benchmarking exercise any Australian state has undertaken.

Our aim will be to ensure Victoria is the State of first choice for business, for investment and for lifestyle. To ensure that our economy makes the most of the advantages we have.

Victoria needs a government 100 per cent behind the entrepreneurs in our society, especially in small business, to restore economic confidence and competitiveness.

Private sector investment and jobs are the lifeblood of a stronger Victoria. An economic crisis is precisely the wrong time to demonise the creative spirit of enterprise in our society.

We should also be encouraging the Gen X and Gen Y thinkers and doers. Victoria's business leaders of tomorrow.

That's why later this year I will convene a roundtable of young Victorians – men and women who are already making their mark in business.

We want to hear their views about how we position Victoria not just for the next two to three years, but for the next two to three decades.