STAMP DUTY REDUCTIONS DON'T STOP DOUBLE-DIPPING

"If the Treasurer can abolish stamp duty on hiring arrangements, such as hire cars, why won't he eliminate stamp duty on costs that include GST, as with insurance premiums?" asks Loraine Braham, Independent Member for Braitling.

"Consumers consider this to be a tax on a tax".

"But the Treasurer argues both taxes will apply because removing GST from insurance premiums was not in the GST deal with the Commonwealth Government".

"Is the Treasurer suggesting his decision to abolish stamp duty on hiring arrangements was with the agreement of the Commonwealth?"

"Does he have to get Commonwealth Government approval to make these decisions to benefit businesses and consumers?"

"The Treasurer should at least adjust the stamp duty cost to exclude GST in its calculation"