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Liberals want to delay payments to small business

Today the Canberra Liberals announced a plan to make ACT small business wait longer for the Government to pay its bills.

The ACT Labor-Greens Parliamentary Agreement provides (at item 7.3): 'Require all ACT Government agencies to pay invoices for small business within 30 days, and pay commercial interest on late payments.'

"Today's announcement by Opposition leader Zed Seselja that under a Liberal Government, ACT small businesses would have to wait 45 days for the Government to pay simply doesn't make sense, why does the Liberal Party want to make small business wait longer for payment?

"Given that this issue has long been implemented in the ACT courtesy of the Parliamentary Agreement, it is odd to see this announcement from the Liberals today. It is also particularly disappointing that the policy would make things worse for the people they are trying to help", Ms Hunter said.