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1. Will the proposed amendment potentially impact in a positive or a negative manner on businesses?

Absolutely it will, without being able to work from pre-existing design and work that has rightly (after a time) passed into public domain, new innovation is substantially stifled. Particularly in the case of design where improvements are in continual incremental improvements rather than groundbreaking developments it makes sense to shorten the effective time whereby a designer can "cash in" on their "brilliance".

2. Would a short transition period before the amendment comes into force be the most appropriate and efficient?

There should be no such amendment to that effect, to push it through quickly just makes it more obvious you want no spectators. I would much rather there be a review of the implications of all rights implemented in the space of intellectual property in the last 10 years by the government with the purpose to protect citizens FROM businesses rather than businesses who use legal mechanisms as an income stream.

I hope you consider these views in earnest as that is the spirit in which I've written.

Kind regards,
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