

Retail Industry Inquiry
Productivity Commission
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Dear Sir / Madam

Economic Structure and Performance of the Australian Retail Industry

I note with some concern the calls by self-interested retail billionaires to drop the \$1000 threshold.

Online shopping is a boon for Australian consumers who for years have been ripped off by importers and retailers. In my view this growth in online shopping will help to underpin the Government's NBN strategy.

By definition virtually none of the imports have competitive products made in Australia. Retailers must become more efficient and embrace the online shopping revolution. Virtually all the adults I know aged between 18 and 50-60 shop online to varying degrees.

I (like many other consumers) believe the threshold should be increased to \$2000.

Yours sincerely

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