

INQUIRY INTO AUSTRALIAN RETAIL INDUSTRY

PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION

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Dear Productivity Commissioners,

I would like to submit my concerns about the push of the Retail Industry to allow for the introduction of unregulated trading.

This push is merely an opportunistic attack to reduce wages to those employed within the retail sector.

The bare facts show that in states where regulation exists (ie W.A) the retail sector has outperformed other states and territories where regulation has been relaxed (ie ACT, were the second worst overall performers)

Only 10% of available trading potential remains regulated - please keep it that way.

The push to trade on previously sacred days will only allow retailers to further pressure their employees to work thus further restricting time available with family.

This reduced family time is detrimental to society as a whole as it restricts the ability for people to create connections with their community. This grab for extra profits is not the move of a sophisticated society.

Please keep Public Holidays as they stand.

Yours sincerely

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