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Impact of Competition Policy Reforms Inquiry  
Productivity Commission  
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Dear Sir/Madam

## National Competition Policy

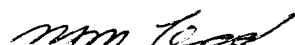
Council wishes to register its concerns with the introduction of National Competition Policy, particularly on its impacts on small rural districts such as Gloucester.

Whilst there are many positives related to National Competition Policy, Council believes that perhaps the economic rationalist approach is overshadowing many real economic and social issues in rural areas. To ensure that the "bush" gets a fair go and given the chance of survival, Council submits that:-

1. There should be a moratorium on the implementation of competition policy in the retail sector until the outcome of the Inquiry is known.
2. Legislation should be introduced to limit the extent by which the major supermarket chains can effectively wipe out small businesses.

Your consideration of Council's concerns would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully

  
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