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What should be the priorities for a competition policy reform agenda to ensure that efficient businesses, large or small, can compete effectively and drive growth in productivity and living standards?
transparency in cost involved in providing the services offered. there must be some methodology to justify charges for goods and services. Over-charging limits the availability of goods and services to various sections of the community, especially in the health sector.
Are there unwarranted regulatory impediments to competition in any sector in Australia that should be removed or altered?
Unsure, see previous comments
Are government-provided goods and services delivered in a manner conducive to competition, while meeting other policy objectives?
Unsure, how do we measure whom the government competes against. In many regards, government services are a monopoly. School funding seems to be disproportionately favouring private / secular runs schools compared to public schools.
Is there a need for further competition-related reform in infrastructure sectors with a history of heavy government involvement (such as the water, energy and transport sectors)?
Difficult to say, some sectors eg: rail are necessary for the community but are difficult to run profitably. They have already been trimmed back to achieve economy of scale. Again, there is no real competitor for the state run public rail transport. It is unclear if any private enterprise would undertake rail transport without significant government subsidy, so where is the incentive for change.
Would there be a public benefit in encouraging greater competition and choice in sectors with substantial government participation (including education, health and disability care and support)?
Yes, provided minimum high standards are set and governed. Health care cost seems to vary depending on where you live, even within large metropolitan areas. There appears to be no mechanism to take on doctors & dentists who massive overcharge for their services.
Are the current competition laws working effectively to promote competitive markets, given increasing globalisation, changing market and social structures, and technological change?
Unable to comment
Are competition-related institutions functioning effectively and promoting efficient outcomes for consumers and the maximum scope for industry participation?
Unable to comment but not likely as it is rarely that "Joe Public" is consulted.
What institutional arrangements would best support a self-sustaining process for continual competition policy reform and review?
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