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<b>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?</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Break Coles and Woolworths supermarket power, where they charge small business 20.5% in rebates and allowances, demand 55% margin and demand suppliers 100% promotions. Then they pay you slowing, and demand a 3% fee to pay you in 40 days. Besides NZ, no where else in the World is it like this.</li><li>2. Have an inquiry into Australia's Postal services, and the increase in parcel costs in recent years. It is out of hand and is puing up all freight rates. The increase in rates are forcing small business to loose business to overseas retailers whose shipping costs are almost half</li><li>3. Have an inquiry into shopping centres where they entice new retailers, who in their first 5 years create a compelling offer, and then have the shopping centre jack the rents up , sometime double.</li></ol>
<b>Are there unwarranted regulatory impediments to competition in any sector in Australia that should be removed or altered?</b>
Australia Post allowing to increase parcel rates and having ACCC just rubber stamp them, without any question
<b>Are government-provided goods and services delivered in a manner conducive to competition, while meeting other policy objectives?</b>
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<b>Are the current competition laws working effectively to promote competitive markets, given increasing globalisation, changing market and social structures, and technological change?</b>
NO. The ACCC needs a massive overhaul and more teeth. They are pathetic and have failed Australia since formation.
<b>Are competition-related institutions functioning effectively and promoting efficient outcomes for consumers and the maximum scope for industry participation?</b>
No, ACCC is a failure  Looks at Coles, Woolworths, petrol, insurance, Australia Post. ACCC has failed in them all.  Lookat how much we pay for the same products that are much cheaper overseas.  We are gouged in Australia.
<b>What institutional arrangements would best support a self-sustaining process for continual competition policy reform and review?</b>
A completely revamped ACCC, with SMALL BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES and quicker powers and teeth.