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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>
End mandatory purchasing contracts in universities and government departments: Although appearing to be "best value" to central purchasing areas these arrangements are cumbersome to use; do not provide competitive prices and lock out local suppliers. There always has to be questions about who was selected to provide the service when the majority of the organisation and users do not get a say in the outcome.
<b>Are there unwarranted regulatory impediments to competition in any sector in Australia that should be removed or altered?</b>
MANDATORY CONTRACTS in government and universities
<b>Are government-provided goods and services delivered in a manner conducive to competition, while meeting other policy objectives?</b>
No comment
<b>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)?</b>
No comment
<b>Are the current competition laws working effectively to promote competitive markets, given increasing globalisation, changing market and social structures, and technological change?</b>
ABSOLUTELY NOT with mandatory contracts able to ignore global and national suppliers
<b>Are competition-related institutions functioning effectively and promoting efficient outcomes for consumers and the maximum scope for industry participation?</b>
Not where mandatory contracts are concerned
<b>What institutional arrangements would best support a self-sustaining process for continual competition policy reform and review?</b>
preferred supplier status is fine with users able to easily change suppliers if they experience adverse outcomes. This type of arrangement keeps the preferred supplier competitive; unlike the lack of competition on a day to day basis with a mandatory supplier.  Give users the ability to source from some fantastic Australian suppliers in terms of quality, price and service rather than the diet served up by the mandatory supplier.  All the best; lets look after competition! Andrew