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hi, its good to see that the government is looking into competition in the retailing industry, in my opinion this country and its people are literally ripped of at the checkout for nearly every purchase they make , I am fairly confident in saying there appears there is a hidden Australian tax on almost every imported item we buy and that being said nearly every " MADE IN AUST " item you purchase is that high a price that the imported cheaper item seems to have its price inflated to match the Australian item in turn the result is all items are expensive.. my own experience proves this where I " used to " be able to buy some products in from the USA and these items were \$165.00 cheaper to buy in and pay the freight directly from the US. Why the price difference? and most recently I have found that most businesses that I used to buy from in the USA will no longer send certain products to Australia due to a " manufacturers request" . after lots of correspondence to some of these manufactures , the common answer I get is that we have a retail network in australia so thats where you have to buy it ! obviously the retailers in Australia are seeing sales drops and are complaining about the same product being imported by private people, hence the refusal by companies in the US not sending to Australia. hopefully the government in Australia investigates the price increases we Australians are subjected too. the sooner this is fixed the better, and this needs to cover all bases, food, fuel , cars, electrical goods and sporting goods, everything we have in Australia is far too expensive and we are feeling it in our hip pocket everyday... please help us ! regards Arthur