

COMPETITION POLICY REVIEW 2014

In regards to the competition review,

Smaller Australian business need to have the same protection in place that presently sits in the National Competition Policy {The Hilmer Review}

As it is Woolworths and Coles have now entered the Liquor Industry and also the Hardware Industry in a major takeover thus reducing the amount of liquor and Hardware stores owned by private individuals, so where is the fairness in that

They entered the Liquor Industry purely because they could not able to sell Liquor through their present outlets due to Government Laws.

It seems to me and a number of other small businesses in Australia that the Government does not want small business to be part of the retail mix in years to come.

In 15/20 years if the independent retailers do not have support and industry regulations on the big corporate companies such as Woollies and Coles, the independents will not survive this causing prices to rise substantially as limited competition and at the end of the day all it does is disadvantage the consumer.

We must have rules and regulations so the small business survives and guaranties consumer FAIR competition.

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