

Reference number CR1632

**Contact name**

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**Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?**

Yes

**Organisation name**

IGA X-Press Alexandra Hills

**Type of organisation**

Business

**Business size**

Small

**Industry**

Retail Trade

**Is your submission confidential?**

No

**Submission type**

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Any policy to increase the market share and trading hours of Coles and Woolworths would be detrimental to not only our small retail business, but to all independent retailers of Australia. An article in OCT 31<sup>st</sup> edition of Courier Mail states that an overhaul of trading hours, allowing stores to open from 7am - 9pm Monday to Saturday would create 1000 jobs. However it did not take into account the loss of jobs it would also create from the small independent business sector. The 80% market share that Coles and Woolworths enjoy in this country has already created an uneven playing field and any policy introduced to make it easier for them to gain even more market share clearly is ONLY in the best interest of Coles and Woolworths. We are strongly opposed to any changes to the current legislation.