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IGA/Metcash and BP oil

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I own and run a family business which is 69 years young. I have seen a lot of changes in all aspects of my business.

I have had to change with the new environmental laws and try and make enough profit to be able to meet all the increases of doing business.

We are not a large business, however, due to the cost of fuel, we fit into the medium business range.

The ongoing move by the 2 main grocery chains has devastated my business. Both the grocery side and the fuel sales.

Both Metcash/IGA and BP are struggling to stay up with the mighty two.

It is not only the prices they sell their products and services at, it also impacts on the ability of our suppliers to offer us any competitive prices.

It is too late to reverse or impact on Woolworth's and Coles, however, changing the trading hours will severely impact on all small and medium retail business, like mine.

I have continually invested money and personal involvement on a daily basis to survive. Our main opportunity to engage the customers and to make some profit is after the 2 main players close. I/we will lose that opportunity if the trading hours change.

Surely there is enough evidence of the impact on small businesses when the predatory trading is in effect. The supposed increase in employment is a situation I challenge. It will be a shift in employment from our diminishing business to the big 2.

Please seriously consider any further legislation changes that give Woolworth's and Coles the ability to further grow.

Can they show that increasing the trading hours and number of stores is not detrimental to small businesses and the wider community they employ and support.

Regards

Robert Noonan.

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