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I own and manage an IGA X-press and Pharmacy in the suburb of Stafford in Brisbane. If the hours of the Coles and Woolworths are extended in our area, the viability of our business will suffer. We open at 7am until 8pm every day of the year (except Christmas Day) and this is at a considerable expense in wages to give our customers the convenience they need of buying pharmaceutical products, prescriptions and convenience groceries before the other larger supermarkets are open.

The extension of trading hours to larger supermarkets will mean we still incur the same costs in wages but have less sales which will erode the profitability of our business. If our business folds, there will be no pharmacy open at 7am in our vicinity and patient health will suffer.

Barbara Packer