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I wish to comment on the current draft that is in place for the Harper Review of the competition policy.

I am a small retail supermarket in Springfield Lakes in south east QLD and am slowly being strangled by the big duopoly in Coles and Woolworths. I employ 25 local staff including my Wife and son and have always supported community events and sporting organizations.

However this has become increasingly difficult due the current retail environment whereas I believe it is not a level playing field and the big end of town is getting bigger due to their "muscle" not their innovation which is one of the key points the policy was to promote.

I cannot compete against \$1 milk and 85c bread and if I could what happens to the local baker outside my door ?

Please Mr. Harper and panel .... understand what you are doing and the long term repercussions of you not holding the government to account and stop the predatory creep of the "big end of town" ! they currently have 80% of the Australian supermarket spend ..... when is enough, enough ? .....I would suggest this is my last chance to have my say, if things don't change I will have nothing to fight for !

Terry

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