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Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

Yes

Organisation name

metcash

Type of organisation

Business

Business size

Small

Industry

Retail Trade

Is your submission confidential?

No

Submission type

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Small business we are told is the "backbone of Australia". As a rule the business is financed by a persons home "collateral". The owner usual and in my case works 6 days a week doing a 60 hour week because of the high cost of doing business.

The corner store fills the gap in the community, in our so called "busy lifestyle" people today have lost contact with the neighbours and community, sad but true. The store owner will usually help out someone who needs groceries to get them through till pay day, help out with lost pets, stock that product that the local can not get anywhere else. These services can not be filled by a conglomerate as the managers don't necessary have the power or even live in the area.

To allow a conglomerate to open a store just anywhere the council allows and say "we are just filling a need and customers will enjoy lower prices" is rubbish. Does the conglomerate buy petrol, use: accountants, bookkeepers, butchers, fruit markets, solicitors etc.. locally.? No. Try finding a fruit market (7 day business) these days in a non ethnic area, if you find one, bet you it is struggling.

Conglomerates are very good at self promotion, if I made a healthy profit like them so would I. Its time to wake up and smell the roses before its too late.