

Web-based selling to Australia disadvantages local Retailers for Items below \$1000 in value and has a detrimental effect to employment. Our statistics show that our small business loses between 25-30% of potential sales to US and European web-based sellers of our branded products despite our RRP being the world-wide RRP as recommended by the overseas suppliers. These losses are a direct result of lack of GST payable on such imports. The GST & Income tax revenue is lost as well as PAYG taxes. With a level playing field we could hire extra staff, and extra staff means extra PAYG tax revenue.

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