

6 April 2011

Ms Louise Sylvan  
Commissioner  
Productivity Commission  
L2, 15 Moore Street  
Canberra City ACT 2600

Dear Ms Sylvan,

**Re: Further submission to the  
Performance Benchmarking of Australian Business Regulation:  
Planning, Zoning and Development Assessments review**

Further to our submission lodged on 1 April 2011.

It was remiss of us not to highlight, and suggest to you that your report should highlight, the policy statement issued by the Commonwealth in September 2011.

That policy statement declares that planning laws "hinder" new supermarkets, acting as an "artificial barrier to entry and expansion".

The Federal Government's policy statement says that "planning laws are particularly a problem for independent supermarkets, since most states and territories have adopted so-called centres policies to concentrate their retail activities in one location and shopping centre owners have a strong preference to lease space to the largest retailers".

A copy of the Federal government's policy statement is attached.

Yours sincerely  
**Urban Taskforce Australia**

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