

Public Submission to Access Groceries  
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I wish to submit the following suggestions

1. Introduce pricing showing "price per 100g" or "per 100 ml" to make it easier to compare prices especially as prices are going up but size of products are going down.
2. Where a product states "local and imported ingredients", show the percentage of each.
3. Reduce the duopoly of Coles and Woolworths. They are squeezing out the small independent grocery stores who employ lots more staff & give better service.
4. Limit the price rises amounts. Why can the big stores put prices up by 10% - I buy fruit cake from Coles - normally \$2.98. One jump and it is now \$3.28. That is greed and surely cannot be justified & this is only one instance.

5. We hear on the radio how little the farmer gets for his products and how much the supermarkets sell them for. Please look into this and instigate fairness.

6. Why do we send our very best products overseas yet receive inferior goods in return? We should not be bringing food into Australia that we can supply ourselves. Make the suppliers of imported products prove they adhere to the same stringent standards of processing as we have to here in Australia.

And finally how much is enough when it comes to the huge profits the big stores are boasting about? They say they have to keep their shareholders happy but it never seems to be enough does it? Meanwhile low income earners and pensioners (who do not even qualify for tax cuts) are struggling to make ends meet as every week the price of groceries go up.

Yours sincerely  
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