

Summary: definition of "single premises shop" in square metres

G'day,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Inquiry into the Unit Pricing (Easy comparison of grocery prices) Bill 2008.

I'm in a rural area. I've read the definitions and found that small retail shops below 200 metres squared are excluded.

My opinion is that this definition will help to reduce the impact on small rural businesses that otherwise might fail to comply to to costs.

However, the size is described in absolute terms, and a square metre of floor space in the Sydney CBD is entirely different in purchase and operating cost to a square metre in a rural village. I'm concerned that this limit is arbitrary and may hinder growth of small businesses in lower floor space cost locations.

Otherwise the whole idea is great, keep up the good work.

James Cameron