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MARKET FAILURE?**

A review of Australia's retailing sector

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Retailing Sector**

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The Joint Select Committee on the Retailing Sector is asked to inquire into and report on:

- (a) the degree of industry concentration within the retailing sector in Australia, with particular reference to the impact of that industry concentration on the ability of small independent retailers to compete fairly in the retail sector;
- (b) overseas developments with respect to this issue, highlighting approaches adopted in OECD economies; and
- (c) possible revenue-neutral courses of action by the Federal Government (ie courses of action that do not involve taxation reform).

