

MR PRESIDENT:

I PRESENT A PETITION CONTAINING 9132 SIGNATURES COUCHED IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We the undersigned residents of Western Australia are opposed to further deregulation of retail trading hours in WA, on the basis of the negative impacts longer opening hours have on the family and community lives of retail workers. We recognise the increased market share longer trading hours gives to large retailers, and the negative impact this has on local producers and independent retailers.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Environment and Public Affairs Committee undertake a full and public inquiry into the costs and benefits of both the proposed changes to trading hours and previous changes. The inquiry should take into consideration the impact on employment in the retail sector, the viability of small retailers and the share of market held by major chains, as well as the impact on retail workers, small business owners and their families. The inquiry should be mindful of religious, cultural, sporting, volunteer, family and caring activities, as well as public transport and childcare scheduling.

And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

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