

Supermarket Pricing Inquiry

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Dear Committee Secretary,

Our business, Foodworks Thargomindah, currently receives freight which is subsidised under the Regional Freight Service Contract. Our Foodworks is the only grocery store in Thargomindah.

Should the Regional Freight Service Transport Contract cease our small family business would be unable to absorb the 350% increased freight costs and we would be forced to pass them onto

our customers, resulting in increased cost for local families in rural outback Queensland.

Foodworks Thargomindah would appreciate the Regional Freight Service Transport Contract to be retained in full and at the current level to minimise disruption to our business and our customers.

For example the freight on a 15L Water would increase from \$1.92 per unit to \$6.70 for our business if the subsidy was removed.

The freight on a 650g box cereal would increase from 14 cents per unit to 50 cents per unit.

We would appreciate if our submission to the committee is not kept confidential.

Yours Faithfully

Philip and Donna Humphris

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