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To: Grocery Prices Inquiry

Subject: re submissions

Dear Sir.

I refer you to your document re enquiry into grocery prices. Section E, Page 17, item 51 re slotting fees and also item 52 and 53. Particularly 53 where threatening to delist a product or manufacturer. This is actually going on at present and demonstrates supermarket chain power to "Blackmail" its suppliers by various ways and means. This is pure unfair practice and regardless of the effect on the end price should be stopped. The manufacturer is forced to comply with expensive demands by the chain or their product will not be stocked. The result may be increased profits for the chain and decreased for the supplier. As a result, the supplier may very well cease production.

Taken apart from the overall good of the Australian people, these things may appear as constructive to an end price, but collectively have a damaging effect on society as a whole.

Do you have examples of this type of bullying in your submissions?

Regards, Wayne Ellis.