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Dear Ms Scott

**ISSUES PAPER – WHITEGOODS AND OTHER CONSUMER DURABLES**

As you may be aware, the Government is investigating amending the retail trading hours regime to permit retailers in the Perth metropolitan area to sell whitegoods and other consumer durables on Sundays.

Sunday trading in whitegoods and other consumer durables has recently been the subject of discussions between the Government and the Opposition in the context of other changes being made or considered for our retail trading laws, particularly the introduction of 9:00pm weeknight closing for general retail shops in the metropolitan area.

At the Government's request the Department of Commerce has undertaken an analysis of various options for how Sunday trading in whitegoods and other consumer durables could be implemented. An Issues Paper in relation to this proposal is enclosed with this letter.

If you wish to provide feedback in relation to the proposal, please forward your comments to the following address by 1 November 2010:

The Director, Legislation and Policy  
Consumer Protection Division  
Department of Commerce  
Locked Bag 14  
Cloisters Square  
Perth, WA 6850

Or by email to: [responses@commerce.wa.gov.au](mailto:responses@commerce.wa.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

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**DIRECTOR GENERAL**

**Subject: RESPONSE RE ISSUES PAPER-WHITEGOODS AND OTHER CONSUMER DURABLES**

**Date:** Tuesday, 19 October 2010 7:41 AM

**From:** Oliver Moon <ocm@starwon.com.au>

**To:** <response@commerce.wa.gov.au>

**DIRECTOR GENERAL:** Thank you for the "Issues Paper" and the invitation to respond.

From our experience, this is yet another government and bureaucratic ploy to convey an impression at large that the Government has "consulted" with stakeholders on the issues, in our case small business, concerning policies that it has already adopted and enunciated. It akin to closing the gate after the horse has bolted.

This is a Government that by clear demonstration has no interest in small business or its views, except those expressed by CCIWA, the representative of the big end of town.

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