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#### **Coalition urges government to bring forward its fair work review**

The Coalition is calling on the government to bring forward the government's post-implementation review of the Fair Work Act.

In the Productivity Commission draft report into the *Economic Structure and Performance of the Australian Retail Industry*, the commission recommended;

*The Australian Government should, within the context of the current system and consistent with the maintenance of minimum safety net provisions for all employees, examine retail industry concerns about the operation of the Fair Work Act.*

The commission believes the most appropriate mechanism to examine retail industry concerns about the operation of the Fair Work Act is the government's post implementation review of the Act which is due to commence before 1 January 2012.

This review was supposed to be concluded by the January 2012 according to the government's own commitments and not merely started.

The draft report acknowledges that the fair work laws are an important consideration for the industry's future and its contribution to the economy and the community.

The Coalition urges retailers and consumers to examine the Productivity Commission's considered views in its draft report and to compare the finding with their experience and insights.

Labor needs to bring forward its review, so it is finished well prior to what will hopefully be a bumper Christmas retail period and time of recovery for small business retailers.

Any further delay may jeopardise employment and retailers' viability to continue to trade.

The Coalition will continue to consult with the retail industry about policies that help the Australian retailing sector.

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