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**Make your vote a vote AGAINST this type of development.**

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### SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS

The Housing Action team supports Australia's two million small businesses which are the backbone of the Australian economy.

We fight to defend our communities from over-development by large building companies and we back small businesses against the impact of major chain stores and other corporate giants.

We need small business for employment in our communities. Small business accounts for nearly half of total industry employment.

In many cases large firms displace just as many jobs as they create. Instead of increasing a community's revenue, big businesses actually shift money away from the community.

When a new national level chain store opens, the profits of locally owned small businesses start to fall and some businesses close down. This creates a flow on effect. When one store closes, people lose their jobs, other businesses lose business from the failed business and so on.

Local businesses also are more likely to supply locally produced products than chains, ultimately benefiting their community. Large corporations on the other hand eliminate the need for local goods and services.

Parking and traffic measures must not be allowed to have a negative impact on the trade of smaller businesses.

Council must ensure that bigger businesses do not get preferential treatment for their development applications.



The Sydney City Council can play a strong role in supporting small business

#### Here's how says **Housing Action**

- Traffic and parking policies that benefit High Street trade;
- Street refurbishments which enhance small business precincts;
- Transport policies which deliver to small business;
- Waste removal services for small business;
- End preferential treatment for large shopping malls;
- Recognise the contribution of local business to increasing employment and lowering demands for transport and for other environmental protection and community support measures through a 'runs on the board' rate rebate scheme;
- Small business awards to promote cultural diversity;
- Council buying local.