

2010 Federal Election Campaign

Newsagent Times

The Heart of Your Local Community

Local Newsagents seek support for small business at election

Local newsagents are a vital part of the small business sector, which employs around half of the total workers employed in Australia by all businesses.

We need you to tell the major political parties to improve support for our local family owned small businesses - to enable us to continue to provide sustainable services and jobs in your local community.

Please sign this petition to support us.

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The Issues

● **Elevate the Federal Small Business Portfolio into Cabinet**

- The Federal Government needs to recognise the importance of Small Business to the Australian Economy. Small businesses and the local staff they employ deserve a strong voice in government to represent them.

● **Introduce a Federal Small Business Commissioner**

- Small businesses need access to an affordable and effective dispute resolution process through a commissioner who has legislated powers to assist them.
- Small businesses need a retail leasing ombudsman to develop a code of conduct and compulsory tenancy register - to stamp out unethical practices and improve equity in retail lease negotiations.
- Small Business needs a competitive and fair business environment to grow.
- Small businesses need a powerful advocate in government to represent them on issues such as access to finance, protection from unconscionable conduct and reducing red tape.

