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Tourists don't visit WA for Dog Food

Suggestions by the Western Australian Government that the results of the referendum on shop trading hours should be ignored just to please tourists is unfounded and farcical.

The Australian Hotels Association CEO, Bradley Woods said, "the standard of political debate and policy in Western Australia was reaching an all time low when the Government put the demands of national supermarket chains ahead of the will of voters in the referendum on trading hours,"

"Suggestions that supermarkets are a draw card for tourists is a joke. Tourists have no interest in shopping for toilet paper, dog food or weetbix on Sundays in suburban shopping centers," He said

"Tourists are interested in seeing a diversity of tourism and hospitality products, whether that be galleries, museums, restaurants, bars and water recreational activities, "

"The 2005 referendum sent the government a clear message that locals don't want to spend all their weekends grocery shopping."

Mr. Woods said he hopes the Liberal party will stay true to their core roots and values of supporting small business and families by voting against the governments shop trading deregulation plans.

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