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### **Competition and Consumer Amendment Bill 2013**

Dear Manager

I run a small business and believe this amendment is necessary.

I wish to provide my absolute support for the passage of this Bill through Parliament. The previous amendment to section 53(c) of the *Trade Practices Act 1975* has forced restaurants and cafes to: print and distribute menus for different days; show two or more prices on the same menu; and undertake changes to blackboard menus, this has imposed complexity and extra costs on small businesses.

I believe that restaurants and cafes should be able to apply a percentage surcharge to their menus by simply stating “a surcharge of [percentage] applies on [the specified day or days]”.

This will allow a clearer representation to the consumer and will be easier for them to understand.

If this Bill is passed, it will reduce the imposing costs on small businesses of adjusting menus and allow more restaurants and cafes to remain open on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Yours faithfully

Mark Powell