



*National Retail Association*

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## **Anzac Day Trading Not Being Pursued By Retailers**

The National Retail Association today immediately corrected false and misleading claims that an application had been made to the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission to allow retailers to trade on Anzac Day.

Executive Director Gary Black said the claims made today by the United Retail Federation were completely untrue.

“Queensland retailers are not seeking to trade on Anzac Day,” Mr Black said.

“The claims that have been made by the United Retail Federation are self-serving, dishonest and should be withdrawn.”

Mr Black said that because of the confluence of the Easter and Anzac Day holidays, shops in Queensland would be closed for three out of five days in SE QLD and four out five in some regional areas.

“We have applied to the Commission to allow shops to open on either Easter Sunday or Tuesday to provide access for shoppers over the holiday period. Tuesday is the substitute Easter Monday holiday this year.

“This is a commonsense application made necessary by the unusual confluence of Easter and Anzac day.

“The retailers are not seeking to open on either Good Friday or Anzac Day which falls on the Monday,” he said.

**Gary Black is available for interviews: 0413 046 614.**