

RETAIL TRADING ACT 2008 DECISION

REASONS FOR DECISION

1. I, Vicki Telfer, am an officer delegated by the Secretary of the Treasury under the *Retail Trading Act 2008* to exercise the functions prescribed in that Act.
2. On this day I have decided to refuse an application, received 23 November 2018, by Woolworths Group Limited pursuant to section 10 of the *Retail Trading Act 2008*, to conduct non-trade activities on Christmas Day 2018 - 2020, as I am not satisfied that the applicant has demonstrated the existence of exceptional circumstances as required by the section.
3. In making this decision I have taken into account the principles enunciated in a decision of the Administrative Decisions Tribunal (**Shop Distributive and Allied Employees Association v Director General of Services Technology and Administration and K-Mart Australia Limited [2010] NSW ADT 312**) that the test under section 10 is a two-step process, there being a need for both exceptional circumstances and for the granting of the exemption to be in the public interest having regard to the:
 - (a) Nature of the shop and the kinds of goods sold by the shop
 - (b) Need for the shop to be kept open on the day concerned
 - (c) Likely effect of the proposed exemption on the local economy, tourism and small businesses and other businesses in the area, and
 - (d) Likely effect of the proposed exemption on employees of, or persons working in, the shop.
4. My reasons for this decision include the following:
 - (a) the applicant's submissions (reasons in its application) have not demonstrated exceptional circumstances; and
 - (b) the applicant submits no evidence to support the contention that it is in the public interest for the employees of the applicant to work on the restricted trading day.



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