

FACT SHEET

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About the new 'Fair Imports Alliance'

Fair Imports Alliance is a coalition of retail and wholesale associations providing a united voice on issues around the low value GST threshold of imported goods into Australia.

The Fair Imports Alliance has been calling for a full Government review of the current regulatory environment around low value imported goods for several months. The Fair Imports Alliance is completely committed to evidence-driven policy which should examine a whole range of issues including (but not limited to):

- The GST threshold's set amount and the reason behind that policy;
- The regulation and enforcement of the current and any altered threshold;
- The changing retail trend and growth of online sales;
- The effect of offshore purchasing on the Australian retail market place;
- The shrinking 'bricks and mortar' retail market and the corresponding effects on employment, regional communities and the investment retailers put back into the community;
- The use of the threshold as a mechanism for illegitimate business to operate and avoid taxation and regulation;
- Consumer protection; and
- Illicit trade, counterfeit and brand protection.

Who is the Fair Imports Alliance?

Founding members:

- Australian Retailers Association (ARA) - Secretariat
- Australian Sporting Goods Association (ASGA) - Secretariat
- Bicycle Industries Australia (BIA)
- Australian Toy Association (ATA)
- Photo Imaging Council of Australia (PICA)
- Photo Marketing Association (PMA)
- Australian Fishing Trade Association (AFTA)
- Australian Booksellers Association (ABA)
- Australia Music Association (AMA)
- Retail Cycle Traders Australia (RCTA)

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