

Submitter – Dan Latham

Recently I was approached by John from warung Bali about the mobile shop in methven.

I have grave concerns about this operation they sell the same type of food that I sell and appear to be well inside the methven cbd. I note from what I have been told that you have granted them the right to operate pretty much 24/7 and this is where I start having concerns.

I note that part of the policy for mobile shops indicates that they will under your guidance operate under the terms of the fair trade act. And now this is where I have become extremely concerned when learned that they only pay \$133/week including power. I find this extremely unfair considering what I pay in rent, power and rates. To be honest it is affecting all the small food retailers who operate evenings in methven. We all have fixed costs that far exceed what you are charging the mobile shop operating here.

I have also been appraised of the fact that he has been given both sites here and is using both power outlets.

Please I would like you to explain how this is fair and why you have granted exemptions to the current bylaws and why the charges are so low.

Perhaps you don't understand how tough it is to run a small business and your actions and the future plans for mobile shops appear to show little empathy or understanding of the current market situation as there are 2 shops already selling souvlakis and burritos in methven.

I look forward to hearing back from you.