

Submission on behalf of the CC report on Grocery trade

Recently I have been talking with a potential lessee for a Liquor store in Prebbleton, Canterbury. He informed me that due to Foodstuffs NI either owning the land or selling the land to present landlord, if he was to lease a site at this development, the only bottlestore franchise he could use was either Henrys or Liquorland, both banners owned by Liquorland NI, he informed me this is very common knowledge within the industry and that Foodstuffs SI & NI both landbank at new developments, so they can determine what brands are included in their development ie: no competing brands/banners that they don't own. Transparency within this industry would create competition throughout several industries, not just the grocery trade but also the liquor industry, because these main players are using the same tactics in liquor as well.