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ACT supermarket plan stifles supermarket competition in the Capital

The ACT Government's new supermarket plan could prevent national retailers from participating in future land release bids and from opening new supermarkets in the ACT, the Australian National Retailers Association said today.

"Not only does this announcement fly in the face of the Federal Government's commitment to remove regulatory roadblocks for new supermarket developments, it will also stifle competition and potentially block the very supermarkets who are driving competition in the ACT," ANRA CEO Margy Osmond said.

"If it's going to be fair and level playing field, the same rules should apply to all retailers."

"The ACT Government's announcement comes after a grocery prices survey released earlier this week actually found that national retailers offer the most competitive supermarket prices in Canberra."

"Today's decision risks hundreds of new jobs and means Canberra shoppers will face higher prices and less choice in the future."

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