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Scott Driscoll's Retailers Association misrepresents Government's supermarket reforms

In his latest bulletin, National Executive Director of the Retailers Association, Scott Driscoll, questions whether the ACCC did another deal with Coles and Woolworths on the 20 per cent of restrictive provisions in shopping centre leases that were not terminated last Friday, 18 September 2009.

Mr Driscoll asked why these remaining leases last for another five years and whether they cover 'locations that are strategic to Coles and Woolworths'.

This is an adverse and unwarranted reflection on the ACCC.

Media statements issued by the ACCC and by the Government clearly highlighted that the remaining 20 per cent do not remain in force for another five years at all.

The restrictive provisions in leases on stores that began trading less than five years ago will expire on the fifth anniversary of trading.

Therefore, the restrictive provisions on a lease for a store that began trading four years and nine months ago will expire in three months' time, not in five years' time as claimed by Mr Driscoll.

As spokesperson for a registered organisation, he has some responsibility to The Retailers Association and its subscribers to familiarise himself with the facts and not misrepresent them publicly.

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