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MEMO

MESSAGE FROM SCCA CHAIRMAN

Dear SCCA Members

As we have stated consistently in our communications throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and this difficult period, we all have a role to play to help our retailers – especially our small to medium sized businesses – to get to the other side.

We know that each of you are engaging directly with your retail partners and it is very important you continue to do so.

We continue to work with the Federal Government on a suite of measures to provide additional support for small to medium sized businesses.

We have been advised that governments have received direct feedback that some owners are not engaging with the empathy that is required during these times. This is surprising, and if correct, very disappointing and frustrating to hear.

The SCCA asks members to ensure there are **no lease terminations for non-payment of rent** for small to medium sized businesses as we work through this period.

It is vital that our industry, as a key part of the economy and our local communities, work collaboratively with government and our SME retailers to support their cashflow and jobs across the economy.

Peter Allen

Chairman