



**ALDI Stores**

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## CORPORATE

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Mr Chris Leptos, AM  
Independent Reviewer - Food and Grocery Code of Conduct  
**Via email: [chris@leptos.com](mailto:chris@leptos.com)**

Dear Chris,

I wish to acknowledge the Food and Grocery Code of Conduct's recent engagement with the major supermarkets and welcome your proactivity in advocating for improved standards of business conduct for Australian suppliers.

We are proud that the results of the report findings reflect our ongoing commitment and desire to have positive, long-term working relationships with our valued supplier partners. Since becoming the first major retailer to sign up to the Code on 15 June 2015, we have continued to prioritise sustainable growth for our suppliers that drives value for both parties.

We are pleased that the standards we set for our supplier dealings, including transparency, responsiveness and a focus on strong, long-term partnerships, have been reflected in the Code's recent independent review. We are especially pleased that ALDI was noted as the retailer most likely to take prompt, constructive action to resolve issues and that our supplier partners also rated us as causing them the least 'fear of retribution', reflecting our ambition to solve issues collaboratively. These findings reflect the values of our business and I am personally delighted to have them reflected in the independent Annual Report.

Our streamlined business model means our everyday low-price proposition does not come at the expense of our supplier relationships. Our operating philosophy is based on the clear values of simplicity, responsibility and consistency. These values reflect the way we interact with our people and customers and underpin how we facilitate positive relationships with our supplier partners.

We are appreciative for the thorough work that you and the members of the Market Conduct Division of Treasury undertake to maintain the Food and Grocery Code of Conduct and prepare your independent Annual Report.

We trust that this letter reaffirms our ongoing commitment to fair and transparent dealings with supplier partners. We remain open to any recommendations that improve our practices and are committed to playing a leading role in fostering supplier relationships and delivering exceptional standards into the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Daunt', written over a white background.

Tom Daunt  
**CEO**  
**ALDI Australia**