

# WOOLWORTHS LIMITED

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**PRESS RELEASE**

## Woolworths Limited to create 7,000 new jobs

Woolworths Limited today announced that it would create more than 7,000 jobs nationally in the second half of the financial year led by new store openings and sales growth in existing locations.

This announcement follows the creation of 9,000 new jobs in the last half driven by the opening of two new distribution centres which alone created 800 jobs. It takes the total employment at the retailer to close to 200,000 workers.

Woolworths Limited CEO Michael Luscombe said: “We see our role as generating economic activity and jobs.”

“We think it’s an absolute tragedy when anyone loses their job let alone the numbers we have seen this week.

“The retail sector employs 15% of the Australian working population with a flow on effect to suppliers, manufacturers and others. We have already seen 43,000 jobs lost to the sector and we need to continue to support it,” Mr Luscombe said.

Mr Luscombe said the bulk of the new jobs would be created by opening new stores around the country, growth in existing stores and store refurbishments.

He also reaffirmed the company’s commitment to its information technology projects which will retain jobs in a sector that has been concerned about job cuts.

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### **About Woolworths Limited**

Woolworths Limited is made up of some of the most recognisable and trusted brands in retailing, serving millions of customers every day. As a group across Australia and New Zealand Woolworths Limited has more than 3,000 stores and close to 200,000 employees. The group’s retailing expertise stretches across food and grocery, liquor, hotels, petrol, general merchandise and consumer electronics.

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