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ANRA is the voice of Australia's leading retailers

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Australia's leading retailers are committed to protecting the rights, health and safety of the people who work throughout the supply chain to deliver the products they sell to consumers.

ANRA CEO Anna McPhee said leading retailers take the responsibility to ensure the ethical supply of products to customers seriously.

"Being at the end of the supply chain, leading retailers require suppliers to comply with all local laws and regulations regarding labour, health, safety and the environment. Any breach of law is taken seriously and should be referred to the appropriate authorities.

"In addition to the expectation of suppliers to operate within the bounds of the relevant Commonwealth and State laws, leading retailers have Ethical Sourcing Policies and Codes of Conduct in which they expect their suppliers to adhere to.

"Rogue operators in the food supply chain identified in recent media reports highlight the need to rid the agriculture sector of unethical practice," said Anna McPhee.

ANRA commends the development of a Best Practice Scheme for Agricultural Employment by the National Farmers Federation.

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