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SCCA SUBMISSION ON NSW GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF THE SOLAR BONUS SCHEME

The Shopping Centre Council has lodged a submission on the NSW Government's Review of the Solar Bonus Scheme, which was announced by the Minister for Energy, Paul Lynch, in August. The submission points out that the present scheme offers little for shopping centres, despite its objectives to support renewable energy investment and increase public exposure. The experience of SCCA members has shown that solar energy investment for their NSW centres is not commercially viable without factoring in an appropriate gross feed-in-tariff (FIT) which, more generally, will drive investment in renewable energy. SCCA has urged the Government to amend the customer eligibility requirement to enable customers who use more than 160MWh of electricity to participate in the scheme. We have also urged the Government to extend the scheme to other forms of energy generation, including cogeneration and trigeneration.

NRA CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS SHOP TRADING HOURS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

The National Retail Association (NRA) has released a very useful guide on shop trading hours around Australia over the public holidays for the Christmas and New Year season this year, including comprehensive information on shop trading hours' regulation. Please click here to view or download this guide.

ACCC FRANCHISE PUBLICATIONS UPDATED FOLLOWING CODE CHANGES

Following amendments to the Franchising Code of Conduct, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has now updated all of its Franchising publications. These can be accessed here.

ARMADALE AND MIDLAND SPECIAL TRADING PRECINCTS BEGIN 1 NOVEMBER

The 'special trading precincts' at Armadale and Midland, in Perth, permitting Sunday trading, begin on 1 November (<u>Shop Talk 24/9/10</u> & <u>18/6/10</u>).

THE PROPERTY COUNCIL 2-DAY COURSE ON LEASING FUNDAMENTALS IN BRISBANE

PCA Brisbane will run a 2-day course on Professional Development - Leasing Fundamentals in Brisbane from 9 November. This will benefit those involved in shopping centre management and leasing. Please click here to register for this course.

2010 PCA DIRECTORY OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA SHOPPING CENTRES AVAILABLE

The Property Council's 2010 Directory of Victorian and Tasmanian Shopping Centres is now available. This combined edition provides a comprehensive listing and details of all shopping centres in these two states. To purchase a copy please click here.

ICSC'S 2010 CAPITAL MARKETPLACE CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK NEXT MONTH

The ICSC's 2010 Capital MarketPlace Conference will be held in New York on 8 November. Program and registration details are available here.

ICSC CENTERBUILD CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN PHOENIX ON 1-3 DECEMBER 2010

The International Council of Shopping Center's CentreBuild Conference 'Building Your Future' will be held in Phoenix, Arizona from 1-3 December. This is the premier conference on shopping centre and mixed use design, development and construction trends. Further information and registration details are <a href="https://example.com/here/ben/here