



# SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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## SCCA SUBMISSION ON PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION DRAFT REPORT ON RETAIL

The Shopping Centre Council has lodged a [submission](#) on the draft recommendations made by the Productivity Commission in its [Draft Report](#) of the Inquiry into the Economic Structure and Performance of the Australian Retail Industry ([Shop Talk 4/8/11](#)). (An article summarising the Commission's Draft Report is published [here](#).) We have supported all but one of the Commission's draft recommendations. We have already discussed the draft recommendations relating to planning and zoning ([Shop Talk 11/8/11](#)). On the controversial issue of the low value import threshold (LVT) of \$1,000, below which imported goods avoid payment of GST and customs duties, the Commission has ruled out an immediate reduction in the threshold. We have argued that the Commission's self-described "very simplified" cost benefit analysis of reducing the threshold is flawed since it includes the "cost to the community" on the 'cost' side of the ledger but does not include "reduction in costs to the community caused by the lack of tax neutrality" (which it acknowledges but does not quantify) on the 'benefit' side of the ledger. The SCCA will appear before the Commission on 12 September.

## PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION ALSO BEGINS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT INQUIRY

The Productivity Commission has released the [Issues Paper](#) for its [Business Regulation Benchmarking Inquiry into Local Government](#). One aspect of this study involves "identifying the nature and extent of local government regulatory responsibilities which impact on business costs and the variation in these responsibilities across local governments. . ." These regulatory responsibilities include "planning and land use"; "building and construction" and "infrastructure provided by third parties". Submissions are due by 31 October 2011.

## PCA SHOPPING CENTRE DIPLOMA COURSE IN SYDNEY ON 26-28 OCTOBER 2011

The Property Council is running a Shopping Centre Management and Marketing Diploma course in Sydney on 26-28 October. The focus of the course will be managing and marketing through a development. Register [here](#) for this 3-day course.

## SHOPPING CENTRE DIRECTORY 2011 FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA NOW AVAILABLE

The Property Council's latest directory of South Australian Shopping Centres, with a complete listing and details of all shopping centres, is now available. To order your copy, click [here](#).

## WA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY SMART SEMINAR SERIES

This CCIWA seminar focuses on the distinctive types of customers, their needs and expectations. It will assist your team to attain customer service excellence. Click [here](#) to register for 20 September.

## LATEST EDITION OF INSIDE RETAILING MAGAZINE IS NOW AVAILABLE

The August/September issue of *Inside Retailing Magazine* is now available. Subscriptions (\$59.95 a year for 6 copies) can be obtained by emailing: [subs@octomedia.com.au](mailto:subs@octomedia.com.au).

## ICSC 2011 RESEARCH CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN SAN DIEGO FROM 2-4 OCTOBER

The International Council of Shopping Centers will hold its major annual research conference, *ICSC 2011 Research Connections*, with the theme of 'Connecting People, Products and Performance', in San Diego, California, from 2-4 October. Click [here](#) for further details and [here](#) to register.