



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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SCCA SUBMISSION ON BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL'S DRAFT NEW CITY PLAN

The Shopping Centre Council has lodged a [submission](#) with the Brisbane City Council on its *Draft New City Plan* (an update to the *Brisbane City Plan 2000*). We have supported Council's strategic direction which has a strong focus on economic development and an urban structure which focuses on a series of nodes and corridors radiating from the CBD.

We have, however, raised major concerns with provisions under the Draft Plan's *Transport, access, parking and services code*, which seeks to require development on sites co-located with public transport facilities to provide free commuter parking. In other words, a shopping centre developer would need to build, provide and operate free and secure parking for people that do not use the centre. There are no corresponding proposals on how such an approach would operate including how, for example, a 'commuter' would be identified. Aside from the additional development cost of around \$30,000 per multi-deck car park, we have argued this is a serious and unwarranted shifting of responsibility. It is also unreasonable to remove the private sector's ability to introduce transport pricing while public components of the transport network (e.g. vehicle registration, buses, parking meters) are not being subjected to such restrictions. We are having ongoing discussions with Council and the Queensland government on this matter.

ICSC ANNOUNCES THE PROGRAM FOR RECON ASIA IN BEIJING IN DECEMBER

The International Council of Shopping Centers is holding its RECon Asia in Beijing from 1-3 December 2013. The program is now available [here](#). Bookings and accommodation are available [here](#). The ICSC Asia Pacific Shopping Centre Awards will also be presented during RECon Asia.

SCCA SUBMISSION ON NT BUSINESS TENANCIES (FAIR DEALINGS) ACT REVIEW

The Shopping Centre Council has lodged a [submission](#) on the Northern Territory's *Draft Consultation Report of the Review of the Business Tenancies (Fair Dealings) Act* ([Shop Talk 8/8/13](#)). Our submission concentrates on a number of areas where regulation should be reduced – to the benefit of landlords and tenants – given that the review has not provided evidence of a significant market failure in retail leasing in the Northern Territory.

SHOPPING CENTRE DIRECTORY FOR NORTHERN TERRITORY 2013

The Northern Territory only has 23 shopping centres, and 19 of these are neighbourhood centres, underscoring the need to reduce regulation on landlords and tenants. The Property Council has now released its 2013 Shopping Centre Directory for the Northern Territory. Click [here](#) to order a copy.

ICSC SIGNS COLLABORATION AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL

The South African Council of Shopping Centres is the latest national council [to sign](#) a collaboration agreement with the International Council of Shopping Centers. The Shopping Centre Council of Australia, as well as the British, French, Indian and German Councils, are also now all affiliated to ICSC ([Shop Talk 23/5/13](#)).

PROPERTY COUNCIL ACADEMY ADVANCED PROPERTY ASSET MANAGEMENT IN PERTH

The Property Council, WA Division, offers Property Asset Management Advanced course on 9th, 16th and 23rd October in Perth CBD. This course will suit those who have completed the introduction course. Click [here](#) for details and [here](#) to register.