

# SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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## NSW PLANNING: RESPONSE LODGED ON FUTURE OF RETAIL DISCUSSION PAPER

Today, the Shopping Centre Council lodged a submission in response to the NSW Government's proposal to include and amend a number of retail-specific definitions in the Standard Instrument Local Environmental Plan ([Shop Talk 6/4/18](#)). The submission also responds to the broader policy proposals in the Government's *Planning for the future of retail* Discussion Paper ([Shop Talk 13/4/18](#)).

## WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BUDGET TO LEVERAGE FEDERAL SMALL BUSINESS RED-TAPE FUND

The Western Australian Government has indicated its intent to leverage the Federal Government's \$300million small business red-tape reduction fund ([Shop Talk 15/9/17](#)). In a [media statement](#) issued in the context of last week's 2018-19 Western Australian Budget, it is noted that "the Commonwealth is offering incentive payments for reforms once they have been agreed to and implemented. The initiative could deliver incentive payments to Western Australia, worth up to \$31.6 million". As far as the Shopping Centre Council is aware, WA is the first jurisdiction to make a public claim to this fund since it was announced in the 2017-18 Federal Budget ([Shop Talk, 12/5/17](#)). WA Treasurer, Ben Wyatt, has noted that "we know excessive or out-of-date regulation and red tape can create major roadblocks for business and it's important to reduce this burden to increase innovation, employment opportunities and the competitiveness of the Western Australian economy". The Government announced that preparations for the development of an omnibus bill were underway to deliver red tape reduction.

## NATIONAL RETAIL ASSOCIATION: NATIONAL RETAIL AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Nominations are now open for the National Retail Association's (NRA) National Retail Awards. Nominations close on 1 June. Winners will be announced at a Gala Ceremony on 23 August in Melbourne. For more information please visit the National Retail Awards [website](#).

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT MOVES AHEAD ON GIFT CARD REFORM

The South Australian Government has, this week, tabled an [Amendment Bill](#) to impose a minimum three year expiry date on most gift cards sold in that jurisdiction. This delivers on one of the Government's election commitments, including being an initiative under their [First 100 Days](#) plan. This follows recent reforms in NSW and comes in the context of ongoing deliberations by Federal Treasury about a national approach to regulating gift card expiry dates ([Shop Talk 4/5/18](#)). In a speech to Parliament, the Deputy Premier, Vickie Chapman, said that "the government's view is that, while some retailers will honour a gift card that is out of date, it should not be a matter of discretion and that consumers are entitled to a consistent approach across the retail sector". The Deputy Premier also noted the current consideration of national gift card reforms ([Shop Talk, 4/5/18](#)).

## SCCA MARKETING AWARDS: NEW CATEGORIES AND CENTRE CLASSIFICATION

The Shopping Centre Council is excited to announce that the SCCA Marketing Awards categories and centre classifications have been revised. The new categories are; Compelling Experiences, Retailer Marketing, Brand & Partnership, Innovation and Community. Also, for the purpose of Marketing Awards nominations, centres will now be classified by number of speciality stores. Small (less than 75 stores), Medium (76 – 149 stores), Large (more than 150 stores), Multi (3 or more centres, with a combination of any of the above) For more information, including Award category definitions and judging criteria, please see download the 2018 [Call for Entries Booklet](#). The Shopping Centre Council of Australia would like to thank those who were involved in the review of the SCCA Marketing Awards and assisted in developing the categories and classifications. The Shopping Centre Council of Australia is pleased to announce that this year's SCCA Marketing Awards Gala Dinner will be held on Wednesday 17 October 2018 from 6pm at Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf, Sydney. Tickets will be available on Monday 6 August via the Awards [website](#).

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