



# SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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## PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION RELEASES PLANNING REVIEW ISSUES PAPER

The Productivity Commission has released an [Issues Paper](#) for its inquiry into Planning, Zoning and Development Assessments, which is part of its series of performance benchmarking of Australian business regulation ([Shop Talk 23/4/10](#)).

While the major emphasis of the Issues Paper is on benchmarking the states and territories' planning and zoning systems and development assessments, it also includes the impact of the planning and zoning systems on competition, (including unjustifiable restrictions on competition) and the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the functioning of cities. Submissions on the matters raised in the Issues Paper are due on 16 July 2010.

## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY 2010 PUBLIC HOLIDAY AND TRADING HOURS RESTRICTIONS

In all States and Territories, except Western Australia, the Queen's Birthday will be observed as a public holiday on Monday 14 June. Western Australia celebrates this on Monday 27 September, while Foundation Day in WA is celebrated on Monday 7 June.

Please click [here](#) for a summary of trading hours restrictions around the country on these days.

## NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE 2010 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RETAIL PROPERTY AWARDS

Entry forms for all categories of the 2010 South Australian Retail Property Awards, including the addition of a 'Young Achiever of the Year' category, are now available. This year the awards will be held on Saturday 30 October 2010 at the new Adelaide Entertainment Centre. For further information please contact Kate Knight at [kpropc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:kpropc@bigpond.net.au).

## ICSC RECON ASIA 2010 TO BE HELD IN BEIJING IN NOVEMBER

As previously mentioned ([Shop Talk 30/4/10](#)), the International Council of Shopping Centers will hold its 2010 RECon Asia (formerly called ICSC Asia Expo) on 7-9 November 2010. However the venue has been moved to Beijing. For details, click [here](#).

## NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2010 ASIAN SHOPPING CENTRE AWARDS

As usual the keenly contested ICSC Asian Shopping Centre Awards will be awarded during this year's RECon Asia. Nominations for the 2010 awards have now opened and entry details are available [here](#).

## WESTFIELD CELEBRATES THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS LISTING

The Westfield Group this week celebrates the 50th anniversary of the listing on the Sydney Stock Exchange in 1960 of 'Westfield Development Corporation Limited'. The retail property assets of the new public company comprised a shopping centre under construction at Sutherland and a newly acquired site at Hornsby. Fifty years later the Westfield Group is now the world's largest retail property group by share market capitalisation and has interests in and operates a portfolio of 119 major shopping centres in Australia, New Zealand, the United States and the United Kingdom.

## FRANK TEREZINI IS THE NEW MINISTER FOR SMALL BUSINESS IN NSW

Frank Terenzini, Member for Maitland, has been appointed as Minister for Small Business and Minister for Housing in the NSW Government in the reshuffle of portfolios following the resignation of the Minister for Transport, David Campbell.