



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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MANDATORY DISCLOSURE REGULATION ON THE MOVE AND AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

The Federal Government appears to be bringing forward its plans on energy efficiency regulation, with preliminary investigations commencing recently on the proposed "mandatory disclosure" scheme, despite not being due for investigation until 2012. The scheme could result in a [NABERS Retail](#) rating being disclosed as part of any sale or retail lease documentation ([Shop Talk 7/5/10, 4/12/09](#)). In our recent [submission](#) to the [Prime Minister's Task Group on Energy Efficiency](#), due to report soon, we stressed that this scheme should not commence until 2015. We have reiterated this in a submission to the current review. NABERS Retail was only released late last year, and the industry needs time to test and refine the tool before it is required under a regulatory environment. This is similar to that which has occurred for the office sector with the NABERS tool over the past ten years.

LEGAL ADVICE NEEDED ON NON-DENTIST TENANTS PERFORMING TEETH WHITENING

The Dental Practice Board of Victoria has written to the Shopping Centre Council warning of tenants who are not dentists performing teeth whitening procedures. This follows a Victorian case in 2009 where a magistrate found a beauty therapist had performed a procedure that was an "invasive or irreversible procedure on the natural teeth", and therefore had practiced dentistry in contravention of section 98(1) of the *Health Professions Registration Act 2004*. The Dental Practice Board warns that shopping centre tenants who perform teeth whitening procedures on customers may be in breach of the Act and therefore liable to prosecution by the Board. It is recommended that shopping centre managers seek independent legal advice on this matter.

NRA HOSTS FAIR WORK MASTERCLASS FOR RETAILERS IN THREE CITIES IN JUNE

The National Retail Association is hosting full-day and half-day master classes on understanding the modern awards, the National Employment Standards and other essential elements of the *Fair Work Act*. These will be held in Melbourne on 22 June; Sydney on 23 June; and Brisbane on 24 June. Further details and registration details are available [here](#).

PCA VICTORIA BRIEFING ON GROWTH AREAS INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION

The Growth Areas Infrastructure Contribution (GAIC) legislation has now passed the Victorian Parliament with significant consequences for future developments in Melbourne. The Property Council, Victoria, is conducting a Briefing on 16 June in Melbourne. See further details [here](#).

TWO-DAY COURSE ON THE FUNDAMENTALS OF LEASING IN BRISBANE ON 17 JUNE

A two-day Leasing Fundamentals Course will be conducted in Brisbane on 17 June by the Property Council, Queensland. This is a practical and comprehensive course, including leasing negotiation, and would suit those new to the property industry. Registrations can be made [here](#).

PCA SHOPPING CENTRE MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING DIPLOMA COURSE

The Property Council is conducting courses for the Shopping Centre Management and Marketing Diploma on 9-10 August (introduction), 24-26 August (advanced) and 25-27 October (diploma). Further information and registration details are available [here](#).