



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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SCCA SUBMISSION ON WA SHOPPING CENTRE LEASE REGISTER PROPOSAL

The Shopping Centre Council has [lodged](#) a submission on the Western Australian [Issues Paper](#) proposing a shopping centre lease register, to be maintained by individual shopping centres, which would be available for inspection by tenants and bona fide prospective tenants. While supporting greater lease transparency, the submission argues this would impose significant and unreasonable administrative and regulatory costs on shopping centre managers. It would also put shopping centre managers in a difficult position of deciding who is a 'bona fide' prospective tenant and not simply someone who is seeking details of a competitor's financial information. The SCCA has proposed that WA instead adopt a mandatory system of lease registration similar to NSW, Queensland and the ACT where widespread registration of retail leases occurs. This is a far more effective and cost-efficient means of ensuring greater lease transparency than the proposed shopping centre lease register.

THE SDA SEEKING TO CLOSE SHOPS ON BOXING DAY AND NEW YEARS DAY IN QLD

A hearing has begun in the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (QIRC) of an application by the Shop Assistants Union (SDA) to close non-exempt shops throughout Queensland on Boxing Day (Sunday 26/12/10) and New Years Day (Saturday 1/1/11). If successful, this would mean all large shops, chain shops and shopping centres would be forced to close on these days, even if they are located in the tourist zones. The application is being opposed by the National Retail Association (NRA) and the Shopping Centre Council. At present only non-exempt shops in areas which do not have Sunday trading (mainly in regional Queensland) are required to close on these days.

QIRC HEARING APPLICATION TO TRADE ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN REGIONAL QLD

At the same time the QIRC is also hearing an application by the NRA, supported by the SCCA, to allow non-exempt shops in Queensland regional areas (those areas that do not have seven-day trading) to trade on Monday 27/12/10, Tuesday 28/12/10 and Monday 3/1/11. If this application is not successful then large shops, chain shops and shopping centres will disastrously be forced to close on seven days over the Christmas-New Year period.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES AUSTRALIAN CONSUMER LAW WEBSITE

The Federal Government has launched a [website](#) giving information to businesses and consumers on the new Australian Consumer Law.

WA GOVERNMENT PERMITS TRADING ON 26 APRIL 2011 FOR SCCA MEMBERS

Next year Anzac Day (25 April) falls on Easter Monday and most States have gazetted an additional Anzac Day public holiday on Tuesday (26 April 2011). The Shopping Centre Council has applied to the Western Australian Government for a permit, under section 15 of the *Retail Trading Hours Act*, to enable its members in the Perth Metropolitan Area to be able to trade on 26 April. This has been approved and shopping centres will be able to open from 8am to 5pm on that day.

PCA'S 2010 DIRECTORY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRES

The Property Council's latest Directory of South Australian Shopping Centres, with a completed listing and details of all SA shopping centres, can be purchased [here](#).