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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Retailers and shopping centres unite in call for retail leasing industry code of conduct

31 March, 2020

Australia's national retail groups and shopping centre landlords have united in a set of retail leasing principles and calling for the implementation of a national *Code of Conduct* for retail leasing that assists both retailers and landlords during this period of unprecedented economic turmoil.

The National Retail Association (NRA), Australian Retailers Association (ARA), the Pharmacy Guild of Australia (PGA) and the Shopping Centre Council of Australia (SCCA) have announced their shared commitment to ensuring business continuity in response to a common set of principles outlined by the Prime Minister relating to commercial leasing.

NRA CEO, Dominique Lamb, said, "We sat down immediately after the Prime Minister's announcement to come together in good faith and continue our ongoing discussions to ensure landlords and tenants are working together".

ARA CEO, Russel Zimmerman, said, "Our industry has a track record of working together, including on challenging issues, and this is about working together and assisting policy makers in the next phase given our group's longstanding engagement on retail leasing issues".

PGA National President, George Tambassis, said: "Pharmacies are under immense pressure as frontline health resources during this COVID-19 crisis, and they need the certainty and consistency that can be provided by this Code."

SCCA Executive Director, Angus Nardi, said, "Shopping centre owners and retailers have a mutual interest in business continuity and it's positive to have a unanimous and timely approach to tackle the pressing challenges we all confront in the current environment in a way that is fair and balanced to everyone".

A full copy of the joint statement by all major Australian retail groups is attached and was sent to all states and territories on Tuesday, 31st March.

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**Dominique Lamb is available for interviews. Contact the NRA's media unit on 0467 792 013.**

**Russell Zimmerman is available for interviews. Contact 0418 796 805**