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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Shopping Centre Council welcomes NSW Premier's support for retail on the road to recovery**

The Shopping Centre Council of Australia (SCCA) today welcomed NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian's encouragement for businesses to 'have a go' and reopen if they are able to adhere to social distancing rules.

SCCA Chairman, Peter Allen said: "We welcome the NSW Premier's comments which will provide a boost of confidence for consumers and the retail industry as we balance health and safety with the economic recovery".

Last week, with the retail union and retailer groups, our industry released a [COVID-19 Retail Recovery Protocol](#) which outlines 10 key actions to provide community assurance that strict public health guidelines will continue to be followed.

"Our industry assures the Premier that the retail industry is working together and will ensure public health guidelines will continue to be followed as more people return to shopping centres and retailers", said Mr Allen.

"The *Retail Recovery Protocol* aims to outline simple and practical public health measures our industry will continue to take to ensure that our shopping centres and retailers are providing safe, healthy and secure environments", said Mr Allen.

"Our industry is already seeing more retailers opening their doors and customers return to centres. We ask our customers to continue to practise social distancing when they visit our centres and our retailers so we can continue to deliver a safe and healthy environment for all", said Mr Allen.

The Shopping Centre Council continues to work closely with the National Retailers Association, Australian Retail Association, Pharmacy Guild and the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association, to ensure the application of the Protocol.

The Shopping Centre Council looks forward to the outcomes from National Cabinet at the end of the week in relation to the gradual easing of restrictions.

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