

# SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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## SA TRADING HOURS REFORM LEGISLATION TO BE TABLED ON 3 JULY

It has been reported that the current legislative changes to South Australia's trading hours regime will be tabled in Parliament on 3 July 2018. The Government has committed to a range of reforms under a pre-election commitment announced initially in September 2016 ([Shop Talk, 20/3/18](#)). The Government needs the support of other parties in the Legislative Council for any reforms to be passed.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA MOVING AHEAD WITH PLASTIC BAG BAN

Western Australia's [plastic bag ban](#) will come into effect on 1 July 2018, however there will be transition period to enable retailers to phase out banned bags until 1 January 2019. The ban applies to lightweight plastic shopping bags used frequently at supermarket checkouts. [The Environmental Protection \(Plastic Bags\) Regulation 2018](#) will put Western Australia in line with South Australia, Tasmania, the Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory who all have similar bans in place ([Shoptalk 18/08/2017](#), [ShopTalk 20/10/2017](#)). Queensland will also commence its plastic bag ban on 1 July. NSW remains the only state not to have committed to a plastic bag ban. NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian has said that a ban is not necessary because "80 per cent of plastic bags" will already be banned by supermarkets themselves.

## US SUPREME COURT RULES THAT STATES HAVE RIGHT TO COLLECT TAXES ON ONLINE SALES

The US Supreme Court, in a 5-4 ruling, this week has ruled that states have the right to collect taxes from internet sales; overturning a court decision from 1992. The decision, which closes a longstanding loophole, is viewed as a win for retailers who operate businesses 'offline' yet are competing with large e-commerce retailers. This takes place in context of the upcoming GST LVT that will begin in Australia on 1 July ([ShopTalk 5/6/2018](#), [ShopTalk 23/6/2017](#)).

## CHANGES TO APRA AMCOS AND PCCA MUSIC LICENSING

In the first half of 2019, music licensing companies Australasian Performing Right Association and the Australasian Mechanical Copyright Owners Society (APRA AMCOS) and the Phonographic Performance Company of Australia Ltd (PPCA) will officially launch the [OneMusic Australia](#) partnership to provide a one-stop shop for music license needs. This initiative aims to remove the requirement for businesses to obtain multiple licenses separately from APRA AMCOS and PPCA for the use of music in retail businesses – and shopping centres. OneMusic Australia will become the one supplier of licensed music. OneMusic Australia is currently [consulting](#) on the development and implementation of the new and revised licence. The consultation proposal for [Retail and Service Providers](#) intends "to review the way in which retailers and service providers are licensed to use music with a view of implementing a new, wide ranging and simplified music licensing scheme". And lists a proposed annual fee structure based on membership tiers and the size of the location where music is audible. Comments are due by 29 June 2018.

## EXPERIENCED JUDGING PANEL FOR THE 2018 SCCA MARKETING AWARDS

The Shopping Centre Council of Australia is pleased to announce that, for the 2018 SCCA Marketing Awards, the expert judging panel will include; Victoria Doidge, Group Executive Director, Brand Strategy and Communications, Event Hospitality and Entertainment (e.g. Event Cinemas); Emeritus Professor Roger Layton AM FRSN, University of New South Wales and; Robyn Stubbs, Board Director and Executive Coach Nominations will open on 1 July and close on Monday 6 August. For information regarding nominations, please see the [2018 Call for Entries Booklet](#). The Awards Gala Dinner will be held on 17 October from 6pm at Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf, Pyrmont. For more details regarding the dinner or the nomination process please see the [website](#).

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