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ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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SA GOVERNMENT TABLES RETAIL AND COMMERCIAL LEASES AMENDMENT BILL

This week, the SA Attorney-General, Vickie Chapman, tabled the [Retail and Commercial Leases \(Miscellaneous\) Amendment Bill 2019](#), which seeks to amend the *Retail and Commercial Leases Act 1995* and *Landlord and Tenant Act 1936*. The tabling of the Amendment Bill follows a lengthy review process which commenced initially in December 2014 with an independent review undertaken by former District Court Judge, Alan Moss, and which was completed in April 2016 and subject to further consultation ([Shop Talk, 23/9/16](#)). Following this process, the former Labor Government tabled an Amendment Bill in July 2017, which passed the lower house in September 2017, and was debated in the Legislative Council in late 2017. However, the Amendment Bill did not pass the Parliament before it was pro-rogued ahead of the March 2018 State election ([Shop Talk, 14/7/17](#)). The Amendment Bill tabled this week is largely similar to the 2017 Amendment Bill, but with some additional clarifications and provisions. In her second reading speech, the Attorney-General has noted that the Act is 'vital to the growth and development of small business in South Australia'. We are currently reviewing the Amendment Bill in detail, including against our previous submissions. We congratulate the Attorney-General on tabling the Amendment Bill, and acknowledge the SA Small Business Commissioner, John Chapman, and his office, who led the ongoing review process and proactive engagement.

VIC COMMUNITY SAFETY STATEMENT: ONGOING COMMITMENT TO PROTECTIVE SERVICES OFFICERS

The Victorian Government and Chief Commissioner of Police, Graham Ashton AM, have released the [2019-20 Community Safety Statement](#), which builds on the two previous Statements ([Shop Talk, 20/4/18](#)). Under the key theme of 'Increasing connection to the community', there is a commitment to 'safer and more visible policing, through flexible deployment of Protective Services Officers (PSOs)', including potential 'new legislation that allows PSOs to be deployed more flexibly'. The 2018-19 Statement included a then new commitment to investigate the expansion of PSOs into 'places such as shopping centres'.

LATEST ABS RETAIL TRADE FIGURES INDICATE FURTHER SLOWING GROWTH

The latest [release](#) (May 2019) of the monthly ABS Retail Trade data indicates that the overall month-on-month (m-o-m) trend estimate increased by 0.2 per cent, equal to 0.2 per cent in April 2019. In trend terms, Retail Turnover increased by 2.7 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y), slightly down from (a revised) 2.8 per cent in the prior corresponding period (pcp). In seasonally adjusted terms, across the six ABS retail categories, the strongest growth was recorded for 'Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services' retailing on a m-o-m basis (0.7 per cent), whilst 'Other' retailing was the strongest performing category on a y-o-y basis (4.4 per cent). In seasonally adjusted terms, Retail Turnover increased by 0.1 per cent in the month of May 2019, up from -0.1 per cent in April 2019. On a y-o-y basis, Retail Turnover increased by 2.4 per cent, down from 2.8 per cent in the pcp. According to the latest figures from the Westpac-Melbourne Institute Index of Consumer Confidence report, consumer sentiment was recorded at 100.7 in June 2019, down from 101.3 the prior month. Westpac noted that result was "disappointing" in light of the interest rate cut in June and suggested that "deepening concerns" for the wider Australian economy may have offset any positive consumer sentiment generated by lower rates. Victoria was the strongest jurisdiction (up 5.0 per cent to \$84.8 billion) on a y-o-y basis.

2019 SCCA MARKETING AWARDS: NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Entries for the 2019 SCCA Marketing Awards are now [open](#). Further details can be found in the [2019 Call for Entries](#) booklet. All 2019 nominations are encouraged to use the nomination [template](#). Entries must be submitted via the Awards website by close of business, Monday 5 August 2019. The Awards Gala Dinner will be held on Wednesday 16 October 2019. The evening will commence with networking drinks and canapes in the Ivy Sunroom from 5:30pm. The formal award ceremony will be held in the Ivy Ballroom from 7pm, where a seated dinner will be served. Tickets will be available on Monday 5 August via the Awards [website](#).

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