



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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SENATE ECONOMICS COMMITTEE REPORTS ON UNCONSCIONABLE CONDUCT CHANGES

The Senate Economics Committee has [reported](#) on the *Competition and Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2010*, and recommended it be passed. The [Bill](#) seeks to amend both the merger and acquisition provisions and the unconscionable conduct provisions of the *Trade Practices Act*, soon to be renamed the *Competition and Consumer Law Act* ([Shop Talk 4/6/10](#) and [12/3/10](#)). The Shopping Centre Council lodged a [submission](#) to this inquiry.

ARMADALE AND MIDLAND NOMINATED AS SPECIAL TRADING PRECINCTS IN PERTH

The Western Australian Government this week [announced](#) Armadale and Midland as further 'special trading precincts' in Perth. When the necessary legislation is passed – likely to be later this year – this will permit large shops and shopping centres in the CBD of both areas to be able to trade from 11am to 5pm on Sundays and until 9pm during the week. Both areas will join Joondalup as special trading precincts, although [legislation](#) establishing Joondalup is still to pass the Upper House in WA. The boundaries for Joondalup will be determined by regulation once the legislation is passed.

The WA Government has justified the creation of these special trading precincts – a patchwork quilt of areas with advantageous trading hours – on the grounds the Labor Opposition (and Nationals) have blocked the Government's Bill to extend mid-week trading hours throughout Perth. Where governments choose to intervene in the market place, however, they must be guided by considerations of equity and consistency. Governments should create a level playing field for businesses. They should not be in the business of restricting competition on the grounds of geographic location, providing a windfall for some and creating financial harm for others.

LATEST ISSUE OF SHOPPING CENTRE NEWS IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

The latest issue of *SCN (Shopping Centre News)* is now available. This issue contains full details of all finalists and winners in the 2010 Shopping Centre News Australian and New Zealand Marketing Awards. Subscriptions can be obtained on (02) 9555 7493 or subscriptions@shoppingcentrenews.com.au.

PROPERTY COUNCIL VICTORIA RETAIL BRIEFING IN MELBOURNE ON 13 JULY

At this afternoon briefing in Melbourne on 13 July speakers will discuss retail planning and development in Victoria and how this planning and development framework compares nationally. The briefing will highlight comparisons and gauge the next phase of retail sector planning in Victoria. Click [here](#) for further information and to register.

PROPERTY COUNCIL NSW LUNCH ON THE REVITALISATION OF SYDNEY CBD RETAIL

The Pitt Street Mall and surrounds are undergoing a major transformation to create a revitalised city centre that is vibrant, people friendly and a world class retail destination. This is your opportunity to hear first-hand about unique design aspects, development hurdles, positioning and plans for opening up the space for community and cultural activities. Register [here](#) for the lunch on 8 July.

PCA QLD RETAIL BREAKFAST DISCUSSES SHOPPING CENTRES AND MAIN STREETS

The Property Council is hosting a breakfast in Brisbane on 22 June on the pros and cons of main street retailing versus the traditional shopping centre format. There will be speakers from the shopping centre industry, government and Urbis. Click [here](#) for more details and to register.