



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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NSW, VICTORIA AND QUEENSLAND TO ADOPT COMMON DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In 2008 the Small Business Ministerial Council (comprising state and territory ministers) agreed to pursue greater harmonisation of retail tenancy legislation around Australia. This was prompted by the Productivity Commission's inquiry into the market for retail tenancy leases in Australia. One of the first initiatives was to seek a common disclosure statement for retail leases around the country. After eighteen months of negotiation the project is proceeding but, disappointingly, only NSW, Victoria and Queensland have so far agreed to implement a common disclosure statement.

A copy of this draft new disclosure is available [here](#). While it is anticipated the new disclosure statement will commence in these three states on 1 September 2010, it cannot begin until the necessary regulations are finalised. We will advise when this occurs. It is to be hoped the other states and territories will soon follow suit. If not, this does not bode well for further (and more difficult) retail tenancy legislation harmonisation initiatives.

WA GOVERNMENT DECIDES CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TRADING HOURS

The Western Australian Government has now announced the trading hours for 'general shops' (i.e. large shops) in the Perth metropolitan area for the Christmas-New Year period 2010-11. General shops will be able to trade from 10am to 5pm on the three Sundays prior to Christmas and until 9pm each week day for the three weeks leading up to Christmas. They will also be able to trade on Boxing Day (10am to 5pm), on the two public holidays in lieu after Christmas (8am to 5pm) and on New Year's Day (8am to 5pm.) Full details of these trading hours arrangements are listed [here](#).

SUNDAY TRADING APPLICATIONS FILED FOR DALBY, WARWICK AND GLADSTONE

The National Retail Association (NRA), on behalf of the SCCA, Coles and Woolworths, has filed applications with the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (QIRC) for Sunday trading in Dalby, Warwick and Gladstone. Separate hearing dates have been set for each application, which commence from late September. These follow the successful commencement of Sunday trading this year for Rockhampton (31/1), Toowoomba (16/5) and Mackay (16/5).

COMPETITION AND CONSUMER ACT TO REPLACE THE TRADE PRACTICES ACT

The Federal Parliament has now passed legislation implementing the second tranche of the new national consumer protections laws and the renaming of the *Trade Practices Act 1984* as the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*. This will begin operation on 1 January 2011, once the states and territories have passed application legislation.

PCA WA SEMINAR ON ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES IN SHOPPING CENTRES

The Property Council, WA, is holding a seminar on 3 August to discuss accidents and injuries in shopping centres and how centre owners and managers can minimise legal actions. Register via this [link](#).

AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR RETAIL STUDIES 'RETAIL THOUGHT LEADERSHIP' BREAKFAST

The Australian Centre for Retail Studies will hold a breakfast on *2010 Retail Thought Leadership*. This forum offers strategic advice for retailers and will look at value and optimisation in multi-channel retailing. Register [here](#) for these dates: 13 July in Melbourne; 14 July in Sydney; 26 July in Auckland.