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NEW DISCLOSURE STATEMENT GAZETTED IN VICTORIA AND QUEENSLAND

The new common retail tenancy lessor disclosure statement to apply in Victoria, Queensland and NSW has now been gazetted in Victoria and Queensland and is expected to be gazetted in NSW within weeks ([Shop Talk 2/7/10](#) & [6/8/10](#)). The new disclosure statement will apply in all three states from 1 January 2011. A copy of the Victorian Regulation containing the new disclosure statement (which will be the same in both other states) can be obtained [here](#). While lessors in some states will find the new disclosure statement adds information not previously required, other items of information that are no longer relevant to lessees making up their minds on a tenancy have been removed.

The new disclosure statement is an outcome of moves by state and territory governments to seek greater harmonisation of retail tenancy legislation around Australia. It is unfortunate that only three governments have so far agreed to adopt the new disclosure statement and it is to be hoped the other states and the territories will soon follow suit.

FAIR WORK OMBUDSMAN LAUNCHES A NATIONAL CLEANING SERVICES CAMPAIGN

The Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO) has [announced](#) the start of the National Cleaning Services Campaign, targeting cleaning contractors, to ensure compliance with the *Cleaning Services Award 2010*, minimum rates of pay that apply for contract cleaners and with the National Employment Standards. The FWO has launched a cleaning services website – www.fairwork.gov.au/cleaning – to ensure employers and contractors in the industry comply with Commonwealth workplace laws. Information can also be obtained by ringing the Fair Work Infoline: 13 13 94.

QUEENSLAND LAND VALUATION ACT 2010 IS NOW IN FORCE

The [Land Valuation Act 2010](#) was passed last week by the Queensland Parliament ([Shop Talk 3/9/10](#)) and came into force on 20 September 2010. The Act gives effect to the move to site valuations in Queensland from the existing system of unimproved valuations. The new Act will replace the existing *Valuation of Land Act 1944*, although some parts of the old Act will continue to operate until June 2011.

Fact sheets on the new Bill, site value, mitigation measures and the objections/appeals process, prepared by the Department of Environment and Resource Management, are available [here](#).

PARLIAMENT APPROVES SPECIAL TRADING PRECINCTS IN ARMADALE AND MIDLAND

The Western Australian Parliament has now passed the two Bills establishing 'special trading precincts' at [Midland](#) and [Armadale](#) ([Shop Talk 18/6/10](#)). These special trading precincts, similar to those already operating in Perth city and in Joondalup, will permit Sunday trading and public holiday trading. This adds further anomalies and inequities to the regulation of trading hours in Perth.

WA GOVERNMENT BACKFLIPS ON SHOP TRADING ON NEW YEARS DAY

Earlier this year, when announcing Christmas/New Year shop trading hours ([Shop Talk 2/7/10](#)) the WA Government decided that large shops would be permitted to open on New Years Day, Saturday 1 January 2011. Disappointingly, as part of the political horse-trading over the Bill to extend mid-week trading hours ([Shop Talk 25/6/10](#) & [21/8/09](#)), the Government has now agreed to Opposition demands to force large shops, other than those in the 'special trading precincts', to close on that day.