



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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EXTENSION OF MID-WEEK TRADING HOURS APPROVED BY THE WA PARLIAMENT

The [Retail Trading Hours Amendment Bill 2009](#) has now been passed by the WA Parliament. The Bill, which had been stalled in the Parliament for more than a year, extends mid-week trading hours, from 6pm until 9pm, for large shops in the Perth metropolitan area ([Shop Talk 19/6/09](#) & [21/8/09](#)). The deadlock was broken in June this year when the Labor Opposition agreed to support the Bill in return for the establishment of a Small Business Commissioner and the creation of a lease register. The WA Government has [announced](#) the new trading hours will commence on 1 November.

NSW GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES REVIEW OF PLANNING REGULATIONS

The NSW Government has released a draft [Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2010](#) for public comment until 5 November 2010, as part of a review of the current Regulation. The review aims to make administrative changes to development assessment issues such as fees, matters for consideration (e.g. new Australian Standard, fire safety and sea level rise provisions) and planning certificates. Most of the provisions under the current Regulation will remain the same.

CHANGES TO THE DISABILITY ACCESS TO PREMISES STANDARDS 2010

Amendments have been made to the [Disability \(Access to Premises – Buildings\) Standards 2010](#) ('the Premises Standards') made under the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) ([Shop Talk 19/3/10](#)) in relation to maximum carpet pile height and to correct some minor technical errors. The Amendment to the Premises Standards is available [here](#) and the Explanatory Statement is available via the link [here](#).

ROBINA TOWN CENTRE IS QUEENSLAND 2010 RETAIL PROPERTY OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Ian Ferguson and the QIC team at Robina Town Centre which was named, for a second year, Retail Property of the Year at the PCA Queensland Retail Property Awards Dinner last Friday. Congratulations also to Michelle Boreham and the team at Centro Gympie which was the runner-up. The full list of award winners is [here](#).

AMP CAPITAL SHOPPING CENTRES' JIM LONG WINS PCA QLD PRESIDENTS AWARD

Congratulations also to Jim Long, Queensland Divisional Manager, AMP Capital Shopping Centres, who was given the PCA Queensland Presidents' Award at the Retail Property Awards Dinner. Jim, who has been involved in the Queensland shopping centre industry for more than 30 years, was a key figure in the ultimately successful seven-year battle over land valuations in Queensland.

PCA QUEENSLAND SEMINAR TO EXPLAIN THE NEW LAND VALUATION ACT 2010

The Property Council, Queensland, is holding a breakfast seminar on 8 October to discuss the new [Land Valuation Act 2010](#). The seminar will explain the details of the transition from unimproved land value to site value methodology, which begins with the next round of valuations. Click [here](#) to register.

WHY ARE WE SO ATTRACTIVE TO OFF-SHORE RETAILERS?

This is the title of a breakfast to be hosted by the PCA Queensland on Thursday 7 October. Speakers will be Leighton Hunziker, Savills' Director of Retail Services, and Melinda O'Rourke, Director, MO Luxury. Click [here](#) to register or contact Louisa Debono on 07 3225 3000.