



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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SCCA SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO THE CONDUCT OF THE 2010 FEDERAL ELECTION

The Shopping Centre Council of Australia lodged a submission to the [Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters](#), which is conducting an inquiry into the conduct of the 2010 Federal Election, and this week the SCCA appeared before the Committee. The SCCA was caught up in a controversy after the inquiry into the conduct of the 2007 election, over a submission arguing for the regulation of access to shopping centres by election candidates ([Shop Talk 29/1/10](#)). The SCCA monitored this issue during the 2010 Federal election (and also in the recent NSW election) and found there were numerous occasions when access to shopping centres was provided to MPs and candidates from various political parties. In fact, some of the more colourful aspects of the Federal election campaign occurred during such visits. Our submission notes that the Joint Standing Committee, in its 2007 Report, did not recommend regulation of access to shopping centres at election time (or at other times). The experience of the 2010 election, in which there were no adverse issues or incidents over such access, demonstrates the correctness of that decision. Our submission is available [here](#).

WA GOVERNMENT ADVISES THAT IT WILL NOT PROCEED WITH A LEASE REGISTER

The Western Australian Government has advised that it does not intend to proceed with the proposal for a shopping centre lease register ([Shop Talk 15/10/10](#)). The Government said that there was limited support for the model proposed in the [Issues Paper](#). The Government has now asked the Department of Commerce to examine "further options for improving access to lease information, including a publicly accessible electronic database of lease information". A copy of the SCCA submission is available [here](#).

ICSC RECON ASIA 2011 TO BE HELD IN SHANGHAI ON 2-4 NOVEMBER

Mark your diaries that the International Council of Shopping Center's Recon Asia will be held in Shanghai from 2-4 November. Further information and registration details will be posted soon.

RETAIL WORLD 2011 MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY EVENT, SYDNEY 27-28 JUNE

The [Retail World Management & Technology](#) event will be held on 27-28 June in Sydney. Divided into two streams, 'Management' and 'Technology' the overall theme is *Innovation for Success*. There will also be a dinner on 27 June.

PROPERTY COUNCIL QUEENSLAND HOLDS LEASING FUNDAMENTALS COURSE IN MAY

The Property Council, Queensland, will run a professional development course on *Leasing Fundamentals* in Brisbane on 17-18 May. This will be of benefit to those involved in shopping centre management and leasing. Please click [here](#) to register for this course.

PCA WA RETAIL PROPERTY CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN PERTH ON 22 JUNE

The Property Council, Western Australia, will hold its 2011 Retail Property Conference on 22 June in Perth. This will cover a range of topics including online shopping; maintaining the relevance of shopping centres; and new planning requirements. Click [here](#) to register for this one-day conference.

LATEST SHOPPING CENTRE DIRECTORY FOR NSW AND THE ACT IS NOW AVAILABLE

The Property Council of Australia has released its 2010-2011 *Shopping Centre Directory for NSW and the ACT*. Please click [here](#) to order your copy.