



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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SA SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSIONER BILL 2011 PASSES THE LOWER HOUSE

The [Small Business Commissioner Bill 2011](#) has now passed the House of Assembly of the Parliament of South Australia and will now go to the Legislative Council for debate. ([Shop Talk 4/8/11](#)). The Bill is being strongly opposed by the Franchise Council of Australia which argues the Bill, if passed, will enable the backdoor regulation of franchising in SA. The FCA is seeking to have the Bill referred to an Upper House Committee. The FCA, which argues the Bill differs from the draft Bill circulated earlier this year, has only itself to blame for being caught napping by this Bill. Given it is arguing that there should be more regulation of the retail tenancy industry ([Shop Talk 4/8/11](#)), it shouldn't be surprised if governments are unimpressed by its argument that the franchising industry doesn't need more regulation. No doubt franchisors in South Australia will be asking why their industry association has been spending time and resources on a media stunt about a 'retail tenancy code of practice' while being asleep at the wheel when it comes to legislation which could substantially and adversely affect their business interests.

WA GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TRADING HOURS

The Western Australian Government has [announced](#) shop trading hours arrangements for Perth over the Christmas/New Year period. While it is welcome that the Government has permitted trading on Boxing Day (26/12/11) and Tuesday 27 December, which is also a public holiday, it is disappointing that trading on New Year's Day (1/1/12) and Monday 2 January, a public holiday, is confined to the 'special trading precincts'. It is also disappointing that pre-Christmas Sunday trading for the majority of the Perth area is confined only to two Sundays - 11 December and 18 December (10am to 5pm on both days). Full details are [here](#).

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES A REVIEW OF PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

The Queensland Government is seeking feedback on a [number of proposals](#) dealing with public holidays in Queensland. These include spreading public holidays (now mainly bunched in the first half of the year) more evenly across the year and allocating an extra public holiday when Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day fall on a weekend.

SCCA SALES AND OCCUPANCY COST REPORTING GUIDELINES UPDATED

Some minor changes have been made to the Shopping Centre Council of Australia's *Guidelines for Sales and Occupancy Cost Reporting*. A copy of the updated Guidelines is [here](#).

REMINDER ABOUT SA RETAIL PROPERTY AWARDS IN ADELAIDE ON 22 OCTOBER

The Property Council Retail Property Gala Awards Dinner will be held at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on Saturday 22 October. For bookings for the Awards Dinner please contact Kate Knight at kpropc@bigpond.net.au.

REMINDER ABOUT ICSC CENTERBUILD CONFERENCE IN PHOENIX IN NOVEMBER

The International Council of Shopping Center's *CentreBuild* Conference, on shopping centre and mixed use design, development and construction trends, will be held in Phoenix, Arizona from 29 November to 2 December 2011. View the program [here](#) and registration details are [here](#).

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