



# SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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## SCCA SUBMISSION ON SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REVIEW OF THE HOLIDAYS ACT

The Shopping Centre Council of Australia has lodged a [submission](#) on the [Options Paper](#) released in relation to the South Australian Government's review of the [Holidays Act 1910](#).

## QIRC REJECTS APPLICATION TO EXPAND SUNDAY TRADING HOURS IN TOWNSVILLE

The Queensland Industrial Relations Commission has [rejected](#) an application by the National Retail Association, supported by the Shopping Centre Council, to expand permitted Sunday trading hours throughout Townsville by only two hours. The NRA was seeking the ability of shops to trade from 9am to 6pm instead of the current 11am to 6pm. The NRA application was opposed by the Townsville City Council which sought to maintain a competitive advantage for the Townsville CBD at the expense of other major ratepayers in Townsville.

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELEASES ISSUES PAPER ON THE USE OF GIFT CARDS

The Federal Government has released an Issues Paper '[Gift cards in the Australian market](#)', outlining a range of consumer issues concerning the use of gift cards. These include the issues of expiry dates; restrictions on low value use; fees and charges; limitations on use and receiving change. Submissions close on 2 March 2012.

## PARLIAMENT APPROVES AMENDMENT TO COMPETITION AND CONSUMER ACT

The Bill inserting interpretive principles into the unconscionable conduct provisions of the *Competition and Consumer Act* ([Shop Talk 7/7/11](#)) has now passed the Federal Parliament. This follows the report of the Expert Panel in 2010 ([Shop Talk 12/3/10](#)). The Bill also makes changes to the Act's 'creeping acquisitions' provisions.

## DAVID EATON ANNOUNCED AS THE NEW WA SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSIONER

The WA Government has [appointed](#) David Eaton as the new Small Business Commissioner and the head of the Small Business Development Corporation ([Shop Talk 7/7/11](#) and [24/3/11](#)).

## SHOPPING CENTRE NEWS LITTLE GUNS EDITION IS NOW AVAILABLE

The latest edition of *SCN (Shopping Centre News)*, the [Little Guns](#) issue, is now out. This also includes a cover story on Stockland's latest shopping centre developments. Click [here](#) to order.

## LATEST EDITION OF INSIDE RETAIL MAGAZINE IS NOW AVAILABLE

The December/January issue of *Inside Retail Magazine* is now available. Click [here](#) to subscribe.

## GREEN CITIES 2012 CONFERENCE IN SYDNEY ON 4-7 MARCH 2012

The [Green Cities](#) conference will be held in Sydney from 4-7 March 2012. Click [here](#) to view the program and to register or exhibit.

## PROPERTY COUNCIL 2011 QUEENSLAND SHOPPING CENTRE DIRECTORY NOW OUT

The PCA has released the 2011 Queensland Shopping Centre Directory. This includes valuable information on all Queensland shopping centres. Click [here](#) to order.

## PROPERTY COUNCIL NSW AND VICTORIA RETAIL OUTLOOKS IN FEBRUARY 2012

The PCA NSW will hold its Retail Outlook breakfast in Sydney on 15 February 2012. Click [here](#) to register for this event. The PCA Victoria will hold its Outlook seminar, which includes the retail outlook, in Melbourne on 22 February from 8.30am to 2.30pm. Click [here](#) to register for this.