



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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FCA OPPOSES DUPLICATE REGULATION (BUT ONLY OF FRANCHISING)

The Franchise Council of Australia recently welcomed the Council of Australia Governments' "determination to stamp out duplicate regulation". The FCA's major concern was the "costly and confusing intention of the South Australian Government to fly in the face of the COAG agenda by duplicating already existing franchising law in SA". To which we can only say: "hear, hear"! It is a pity, however, that the FCA doesn't practice what it preaches. We've noted before the hypocrisy of the FCA in lobbying for duplicate regulation in the retail tenancy industry by pushing for a national code of practice on retail tenancies which would sit on top of existing state and territory legislation ([Shop Talk 27/2/12](#)). "There is no demonstrated need [for duplicate regulation]", the FCA continued, adding that "COAG is well aware that there is an established negative economic impact attached to State-Federal regulatory duplication and overlap". We couldn't have put it better ourselves. Our detailed objections to the FCA's proposed national code is in [this letter](#) to the Chairman of the ACCC.

QIRC GRANTS SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY TRADING IN MARYBOROUGH

The spread of Sunday and public holiday trading throughout regional Queensland continues. The Queensland Industrial Relations Commission has [granted an application](#) by the National Retail Association for trading on Sundays (9am-6pm), and on most public holidays (8.30am-5.30pm), for the Maryborough region, beginning on Sunday 1 July.

PCA QLD RETAIL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING INTRODUCTION COURSE

The Property Council Academy is offering a two-day introduction course on Retail Property Management and Marketing on 16-17 July in Brisbane. Click [here](#) to register.

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES PLANNING RED TAPE REFORMS

The Victorian Government has announced major reforms designed to cut red tape and to simplify the Victorian planning system. Planning Minister Matthew Guy has released the [State Government response](#) to the key findings of the [Initial Report of the Victorian Planning System Ministerial Advisory Report](#), prepared in December 2011.

GADENS LATEST COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO RETAIL TENANCY LEGISLATION

Gadens Lawyers has produced this [comprehensive guide to Australian retail tenancy legislation](#), summarising and comparing the provisions of all current state and territory retail tenancy legislation. This guide is up-to-date (as at 1 January 2012) and includes the amendments last year to the *WA Commercial Tenancy (Retail Shops) Agreements Amendment Bill 2011*, which are not expected to begin operation until around September 2012 once the associated regulations have been completed ([Shop Talk 8/12/11](#)).

DAN MURPHY'S IS AMP CAPITAL SHOPPING CENTRES / BRW RETAILER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Dan Murphy's which was last night named Outstanding Retailer of the Year at the AMP Capital Shopping Centres and BRW 2012 Australian Retailer of the Year Awards. Articles on all category winners are contained in the May 17-23 issue of [BRW](#) magazine which is out today.

THE 5TH RETAIL ASIA CONGRESS WILL BE HELD IN HONG KONG ON 29-31 MAY 2012

The 5th Retail Asia Congress will be held in Hong Kong on 29-31 May. Click [here](#) for more information and full brochure; [here](#) for the speaker line-up; and [here](#) for the registration page.