



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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NSW SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSIONER LEGISLATION CONSULTATION PAPER

The NSW Government appointed Yasmin King in July 2011 as the State's first Small Business Commissioner, prior to passing legislation establishing and empowering the position ([Shop Talk 7/7/11](#)). The Government has now released a [Consultation Paper](#) on proposed legislation which will settle the roles and functions of the Small Business Commissioner. The closing date for submissions in response to the Consultation Paper is Friday 27 July 2012.

WA COMMERCIAL TENANCY ACT DRAFT REGULATIONS NOW OUT FOR DISCUSSION

The Western Australian [Commercial Tenancy \(Retail Shops\) Agreements Amendment Act 2011](#) received Royal Assent on 14 December 2011 but its main provisions have not yet come into operation ([Shop Talk 8/12/11](#)). The operation of the amendments has awaited the drafting of associated Regulations to be made under the Act. These include regulations defining "lettable area"; a standard redevelopment and relocation clause for leases of less than five years; and prescribing certain businesses as being included or excluded from the application of the Act. The regulations also amend the disclosure statement documents and the accompanying retail tenant guide. The [Draft Regulations](#) have now been released for consultation and submissions close on Wednesday 25 July 2012. The Government anticipates that the Amendment Act and the Regulations will come into effect in October 2012.

PROPERTY COUNCIL CONDUCTS LEASING FUNDAMENTALS COURSE IN MELBOURNE

The Property Council Academy will conduct a two-day course on Leasing Fundamentals in Melbourne on 15-16 August. Click [here](#) for further details and to register.

SUNDAY TRADING BILL PASSED BY THE WA PARLIAMENT TODAY

The [Retail Trading Hours Amendment Bill](#), the Bill allowing Sunday trading (from 11am to 5pm) throughout the Perth metropolitan area, passed the Western Australian Legislative Council today, having been supported by both major parties ([Shop Talk 4/4/12](#)). The Bill had already been passed by the Legislative Assembly. Labor moved two amendments to the Bill; one seeking to add Easter Sunday to the list of days (Christmas Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day) on which the Minister is not permitted to allow public holiday trading. (The Bill allows the Minister to grant large shops permission to trade on other public holidays.) The amendments were defeated. The Government is expected to make an announcement soon regarding the date on which universal Sunday trading will begin in Perth.

LATEST SHOPPING CENTRE DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE FROM THE PROPERTY COUNCIL

The Property Council of Australia has released the latest of its 2012 Shopping Centre Directories. These include comprehensive information on all shopping centres, including details of ownership and management; centre management details; and tenants. Click [here](#) to purchase the 2012 South Australian edition; [here](#) for the Western Australia 2012 edition and [here](#) for the Victoria and Tasmania 2012 edition.

PROPERTY COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL RETAIL CONFERENCE

The Property Council of New Zealand will hold its annual Retail Conference on 26 July 2012. The conference will discuss retail trends and strategies; leasing challenges; design trends and new technology. Further details and online registration can be found [here](#), or email your completed [registration form](#) to: lisa@propertynz.co.nz.