



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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NSW BOXING DAY BILL IS STILL STALLED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The NSW Parliament resumes sitting next week with the [Bill](#) to allow shop trading on Boxing Day throughout NSW ([Shop Talk 4/4/12](#) & [26/4/12](#)) still stalled in the Legislative Council. This follows the decision by the Christian Democrat MLCs to join Green MLCs and Labor MLCs in opposing the Bill. The concern being expressed by these MLCs about the impact on family life for shop assistants is nonsensical given the many protections contained in the Bill. These protections are not available to the thousands of other employees in NSW who already work on Boxing Day. If full-time shop assistants don't wish to work on Boxing Day – and many prefer to do so because of the penalty rates which are paid on that day – thousands of casual employees would be grateful for the income.

QUEENSLAND COMPETITION AUTHORITY ISSUES PAPER ON REGULATORY REFORM

The Queensland Competition Authority has released an Issues Paper '[Measuring and Reducing the Burden of Regulation](#)'. The paper follows the Queensland Government's direction to the QCA to investigate and report on a framework for reducing the burden of regulation. The QCA has also been asked to propose priority areas for targeted regulatory review. Submissions on the Issues Paper are due by 31 August 2012 with an interim report due to the Government by 1 November 2012 and a final report by 31 January 2013.

PROPERTY COUNCIL ACADEMY COURSE ON VIC RETAIL LEASES ACT NEXT MONTH

The Property Council Academy, in conjunction with Minter Ellison, will conduct a half-day course on the *Retail Leases Act* in Melbourne on 11 September. This is an important course for management and leasing staff. Further details and registration [here](#).

ACCC INTERVENES OVER CLAIMS MADE BY NORTON ROSE ON RETAIL TENANCY CODE

Readers of the second item in last week's [Shop Talk](#) were unable to access the published link to the Norton Rose website. The relevant article was taken down by the firm just as the newsletter was being distributed and after the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission had contacted Norton Rose. The Shopping Centre Council had queried the ACCC about another claim made in the article that the ACCC "has shown interest in being involved in any oversight of the [Norton Rose] code". The SCCA was subsequently advised that, following discussions, Norton Rose had agreed to remove the article.

LATEST URBIS RETAIL PERSPECTIVES (ASIA AND MIDDLE EAST) NOW AVAILABLE

The latest Urbis [Retail Perspectives \(Asia & Middle East\)](#) contains an article which identifies key trends in what it describes as the "second wave" of the evolution of shopping centre anchors away from the traditional department store. There are other articles on Dubai's retail resurgence and on e-commerce in Asia.

NATIONAL RETAIL ASSOCIATION OFFERS TRAINING ON EMPLOYMENT LAW

The NRA is running training programs for retailers on [Performance Management and Dismissal](#); [Sexual Harassment](#) and [Contracts of Employment](#). Click [here](#) to register for any or all of these programs which run during August and September.

PCA 'RETAIL IN THE SPOTLIGHT' HALF-DAY FORUM IN MELBOURNE ON 21 AUGUST

The Property Council, Victoria, will host a half-day forum, *Retail in the Spotlight*, in Melbourne on 21 August, of interest to retailers and retail property owners. Click [here](#) for details and [here](#) to register.