



# SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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## SUNDAY TRADING FOR ALL SHOPS BEGINS THIS SUNDAY IN PERTH

This Sunday, 26 August 2012, is an historic day for Western Australia, as well as for the nation, as Sunday trading (from 11am to 5pm) begins throughout Perth. This is the last of the Australian capital cities to allow retail shops, irrespective of their size, where they are located and the nature of their retail offer, to be able to open for business on Sundays. We expect that, based on the experience in other capital cities when Sunday trading was permitted, around 75% to 80% of the shops in major shopping centres will open this Sunday. While national chain retailers will open immediately, because they know from other States what a great opportunity Sunday trading brings, this is likely to be a [slow build](#) for some independent retailers. The WA Small Business Commissioner, David Eaton, has recently reminded landlords that, under sections 12 and 12C of the [Commercial Tenancy \(Retail Shops\) Agreements Act](#), tenants cannot be forced to open on Sundays and tenants who do not open cannot be required to pay their share of operating expenses for that day ([Shop Talk 5/7/12](#)).

## SCCA SUBMISSION ON NSW SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSIONER LEGISLATION

The Shopping Centre Council has lodged a [submission](#) on the Consultation Paper on proposed legislation to settle the roles and functions of the NSW Small Business Commissioner ([Shop Talk 21/6/12](#)). A link to other submissions is [here](#).

## LATEST ISSUE OF INSIDE RETAIL MAGAZINE IS NOW AVAILABLE

The latest issue of [Inside Retail](#) magazine is now out. This issue includes a cover story on "Design Revolution: The Store Fitouts Reviving Retail", as well as a feature on the National Retail Association's Young Retailer of the Year winners. Click [here](#) for a 1-year subscription and [here](#) for 2-years.

## SCCA SUBMISSION ON NEW SA WATER REQUIREMENTS FOR WASTEWATER

The Shopping Centre Council has recently [written](#) to the South Australian Minister for Water and the River Murray, Paul Caica, seeking a review of a SA Water policy which requires the installation of Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) systems, instead of grease arrestors, for some retail developments. DAF systems have both higher capital and maintenance costs. The policy was introduced with little consultation. A related concern is the poor link of this requirement with SA Water's wastewater pricing. It is a reasonable assumption that, if wastewater is being treated to a higher standard before it is discharged to the network, this would be reflected in lower wastewater prices. However SA Water wastewater pricing is currently based on property valuation, rather than water-based factors.

## NSW GOVERNMENT RELEASES RETAIL CRIME PREVENTION RESOURCE

The NSW Government, in partnership with a number of organisations, including the major retailer associations, has produced this [Retail Security Resource](#), with practical information to assist retailers, management and staff to prevent theft and other crimes occurring in their stores.

## NEW ISSUE OF DIRECTIONAL INSIGHTS' E-DIRECTIONS IS OUT NOW

Directional Insights' latest issue of *e-Directions* is now available. Click [here](#) to view the latest issue and [here](#) to subscribe.

## PCA QUEENSLAND RETAIL BREAKFAST 'THE FUTURE OF FOOD' ON 5 SEPTEMBER

The Property Council, Queensland, will host a Retail Breakfast in Brisbane on 5 September, 'The Future of Food'. Click [here](#) for details and register [here](#).