



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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PASSIVE CCTV MONITORING AGAIN SHOWS ITS USEFULNESS IN PUBLIC SAFETY

The Victorian Government has acknowledged the important role played by closed circuit television in the recent investigation of the alleged rape and murder of a young woman in Melbourne by instigating an audit of the city's CCTV resources. The Premier, Ted Baillieu, has asked the Victorian Police to identify any 'blackspots', where there is little coverage, and said he expected more CCTV to be rolled out in the next year. It was only last year that the Shopping Centre Council was [locked in a battle](#) with the Victorian Law Reform Commission over its one-sided report, *Surveillance in Public Spaces*, which only grudgingly acknowledged the role that passive CCTV coverage can play in ensuring public safety. This was despite a 2007 survey by the Federal Privacy Commissioner which found "most Australians are aware of CCTV and the majority is unconcerned about its use." The Law Reform Commission was also reluctant to acknowledge the many other public benefits of CCTV which we brought to its attention. To its credit, the Victorian Government had already shelved this report.

ACT SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT ON SUPERMARKET COMPETITION POLICY

The ACT Select Committee examining the territory's controversial supermarket competition policy has released its [report](#). The Shopping Centre Council lodged a [submission](#) to the Select Committee and appeared before it ([Shop Talk 26/7/12](#) & [29/3/12](#)). The Committee makes 18 recommendations but doesn't question the effectiveness of the policy; nor provide a rationale why a territory government should seek to supplant the role of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission. One of its recommendations is that a major review of the supermarket competition policy be held at the end of 2013, similar to the Martin review which preceded it and which led to adoption of the policy.

VIC GOVERNMENT APPOINTS COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Victorian Planning Minister, Matthew Guy, has [announced](#) an independent Advisory Committee to assist in devising a new development contribution system across the State. The Advisory Committee will consider recommendations of the Stakeholder Reference Group, previously announced by the Minister, to develop a framework based on five infrastructure categories: community; open space; transport; drainage; and public land. Mr Guy said it is proposed that a different levy will be set for different development settings, such as greenfield, metropolitan infill, regional and rural; as well as a levy for residential and non-residential development. Further information about the Advisory Committee process is available [here](#).

CLAYTON UTZ COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF RETAIL TENANCY LEGISLATION

Clayton Utz has prepared this useful up-to-date [comparative analysis](#) of retail tenancy legislation around Australia.

ICSC RETAIL GREEN CONFERENCE AND TRADE EXPO, 27-28 NOVEMBER IN PHOENIX

The [International Council of Shopping Center's Retail Green Conference and Trade Expo](#) will be held in Phoenix, Arizona on 27-28 November, discussing sustainability issues relevant to shopping centre development and management. Register [here](#).

ICSC 2012 CENTERBUILD CONFERENCE ALSO IN PHOENIX ON 28-30 NOVEMBER

The [International Council of Shopping Center's CenterBuild Conference](#), the premier conference for retail, shopping centre and mixed use design, development and construction trends, will also be held in Phoenix from 28-30 November 2012. Click [here](#) for the full program and [here](#) for registration.