



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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FAIR WORK OMBUDSMAN INQUIRY INTO CLEANING SERVICES INDUSTRY

The Fair Work Ombudsman has [announced](#) a further inquiry into the cleaning services industry. This is a follow up inquiry – called the *National Cleaning Services Follow Up Campaign 2013* – to the inquiry the FWO conducted in 2010. The objective is to ensure continuing compliance with Commonwealth workplace laws, including the *Fair Work Act*, *Fair Work Regulations* and the *Cleaning Services Award*. The FWO has advised that it is not (repeat, not) conducting an inquiry into United Voice's allegations of exploitation of international students working as cleaners, despite the impression given by a misleading FWO media statement last month and subsequent news reports ([Shop Talk 28/11/12](#)).

WA COMMERCIAL TENANCY ACT AND REGULATIONS INFORMATION NOW ONLINE

The WA Department of Commerce has released information documents following the [Commercial Tenancy \(Retail Shops\) Agreements Amendment Act](#) and the [Commercial Tenancy \(Retail Shops\) Agreements Amendment Regulations \(No. 2\) 2012](#), both operative from 1 January 2013 ([Shop Talk 6/12/12](#)). Click for the revised [Tenant Guide](#); revised [Disclosure Statement](#); a fact sheet for [Landlords](#); and a fact sheet for [Tenants](#).

PCA NSW RETAIL OUTLOOK WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2013

The Property Council, NSW, will hold its [Retail Outlook '13](#) in Sydney on Friday 22 February 2013. Speakers include Michael Gorman, MD Colonial First State Retail Property Trust; Bryan Hynes, MD AMP Capital Shopping Centres; Susan MacDonald, GM Retail, Mirvac Property Trust; and Tim Blythe, Regional Director, Urbis. Paul Bloxham, Chief Economist, HSBC, will present the macroeconomic outlook. Click [here](#) to register online.

ACCC ISSUES DRAFT DETERMINATION ON CASUAL MALL LICENSING CODE

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has issued a [Draft Determination](#), authorising the [Casual Mall Licensing Code of Practice](#) for a further period of five years ([Shop Talk 28/11/12](#)). Interested parties now have until 16 January 2013 to respond to the draft determination. At the same time the ACCC has issued an interim authorisation enabling the Code of Practice to extend beyond 31 December 2012 (when the current authorisation expires) until the ACCC issues its final determination, which is expected to be in February 2013.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REVIEW OF TRADING HOURS CHANGES NOW UNDERWAY

When discriminatory legislation in South Australia, permitting only retailers in the Adelaide CBD to trade on most public holidays, was passed by the SA Parliament, the Legislative Council insisted on a review in early 2013 to assess the impacts of the legislation ([Shop Talk 12/4/12](#)). This [review](#), to be conducted by the SA Centre for Economic Studies, has commenced. A separate review is being held into the impact of the two additional half-day public holidays, which was the *quid pro quo* demanded by the Shop Assistants Union (SDA). Retailers outside the CBD, however, should not hold their breath that this review will deliver fairness. Although Premier Jay Weatherill recently said retailers were "doing it incredibly tough", achieving a just and level playing field for all retailers would require him to confront the powerful SDA, which paved the way for him becoming Premier.

INSIDE RETAIL MAGAZINE NOW OUT WITH SHOPPING CENTRE DEVELOPMENT GUIDE

The latest issue of *Inside Retail* magazine is now out, including the Annual 2013 Shopping Centre Developments Guide. Click [here](#) to order.