



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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ACCC GRANTS AUTHORISATION OF CASUAL MALL LICENSING CODE

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has [granted](#) authorisation of the [Casual Mall Licensing Code of Practice](#) until 31 December 2017 ([Shop Talk 13/9/12](#); [28/11/12](#); [13/12/12](#)). The authorisation will come into effect on 28 February 2013, however, the Code remains in force under an interim authorisation granted by the ACCC in December 2012. All parties to the Code agreed last year to extend the operation of the Code for a further period of five years. Authorisation of the Code is necessary to ensure immunity from legal action for any conduct which might otherwise raise concerns under the competition provisions of the *Competition and Consumer Act*. In deciding to renew the Code of Practice, the parties "agreed that the Code has worked effectively and has contributed to a culture change within the shopping centre industry concerning the use of casual mall licensing." It was further noted that no disputes had occurred under the Code requiring the formal dispute resolution procedures under the Code.

INFORMATION BROCHURE FOR TENANTS UNDER VICTORIAN RETAIL LEASES ACT

The Office of the Small Business Commissioner in Victoria has issued an updated *Information Brochure* which, under [Section 15](#) of the *Victorian Retail Leases Act 2003*, must be provided to a tenant or prospective tenant entering lease negotiations. Click [here](#) to view the brochure.

PROPERTY COUNCIL VICTORIA HOSTS SEMINAR ON RETAIL LEASES ACT

The Property Council, Victoria, in conjunction with Minter Ellison, will hold a half-day seminar on the *Victorian Retail Leases Act*, in Melbourne on 5 March. This will help attendees gain a thorough understanding of key retail leasing legal obligations. Click [here](#) for details and [here](#) to register.

VIC GOVERNMENT RELEASES REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS REVIEW

Victorian Planning Minister, Matthew Guy, recently released the Stage 1 report on the [standard development contributions](#) review, prepared by an independent Ministerial Advisory Committee ([Shop Talk 4/10/12](#)). The report highlights that non-residential have not been considered at this stage, however there are some welcome draft findings such as the acknowledgement that non-residential development should not be levied for community and open space infrastructure. The Shopping Centre Council lodged a submission on last year's Discussion Paper. Submissions on the Stage 1 report close on 12 March.

PROPERTY COUNCIL, WA, 2013 SHOPPING CENTRE AWARDS NOMINATIONS OPEN

Entries for the PCA, WA, *Shopping Centre of the Year* and *Marketing Manager of the Year* close on 28 February 2013. Click [here](#) for your nomination entry kit. Tickets are now available for the Awards Gala Dinner on Friday 12 April 2013 at the Crown Perth. Click [here](#) for tickets. The Shopping Centre Council is a sponsor of these awards.

ICSC 'THE CHINA RETAIL SEMINAR' IN HONG KONG ON 20 MARCH

The International Council of Shopping Centers will host [The China Retail Seminar](#) to discuss China's demand for retail and real estate, in Hong Kong on 20 March. Email for details: info@icsc.org.sg.

RETAIL LEADERS FORUM IN PYRMONT, NSW, ON 5-6 MARCH 2013

A Retail Leaders Forum will be held in Sydney on 5-6 March, with a wide variety of leading international and Australian retailers and retail property owners. Click [here](#) for the program and register [here](#).