



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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SCCA SUBMISSION ON DRAFT SYDNEY METROPOLITAN STRATEGY

The Shopping Centre Council has lodged a [submission](#) on the [Draft Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney](#). This follows our [submission](#) on the Discussion Paper [Sydney over the next 20 years](#) which was released for consultation in 2012. We have welcomed the Draft Strategy's focus on activity centres as a major platform for the city's growth, particularly the specific objectives to, firstly, strengthen and grow Sydney's activity centres; secondly, make Sydney connected; and, thirdly, deliver well-designed and active centres that attract investment and growth. We have also welcomed another objective that seeks to provide for a good supply of retail space. Despite these worthy objectives, however, we remain concerned that these may not be translated into planning instruments and decisions at the sub-regional and local level. We have therefore recommended that there needs to be a focus on actions and programs to ensure that the areas identified for retail growth are better enabled at the sub-regional and local levels. A major failing of the current Strategy, and related planning instruments, is that strategic objectives and policy directions are often not translated into reality and there is no accountability for such lack of action.

Part of our recommendations includes the expansion of the Urban Activation Precincts program to activity centres. Such an expansion could include a targeted program to identify additional retail sites and attract anchor retailers to help underpin growth and expansion, which also includes a \$1 million incentive for councils to contribute to infrastructure upgrades. This approach could also be used to strategically identify and develop new activity centres. We understand the Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney is now being finalised and will be released before the end of the year.

AN ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN BRISBANE IN 2014 FOR THE G20 MEETING

The Queensland Government has [introduced](#) into Parliament the [G20 \(Safety and Security\) Bill](#), providing for a range of security measures regarding the hosting in Brisbane of the Group of Twenty (G20) leaders' summit in November 2014. To assist with security the Bill provides that Friday 14 November 2014 will be a public holiday in the [Brisbane City Council area](#), although normal Friday shop trading hours will apply on that day and not the reduced trading hours that may apply on a public holiday. The Bill is currently being considered by the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee of Parliament and submissions are being sought by the Committee as part of its deliberations. An information sheet on making submissions is available [here](#). Written submissions, which close on Friday 13 September 2013, should be emailed to: lacsc@parliament.qld.gov.au.

PROPERTY COUNCIL QUEENSLAND RETAIL PROPERTY AWARDS ON 13 SEPTEMBER

The Property Council's 2013 *Queensland Retail Property Awards*, recognising excellence in marketing, design and presentation, will be celebrated at a Gala Dinner on Friday 13 September at the Brisbane City Hall. Tickets can be purchased online [here](#).

SHOPPING CENTRE DIRECTORY 2013 FOR VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

The Property Council has released the *Victoria and Tasmania 2013 Shopping Centre Directory*, containing details on centre ownerships, size, management, tenancy mix, site area, number of car spaces and food court outlets. Many listings include centre moving annual turnover (MAT), pedestrian estimates and refurbishment and extension plans. Click [here](#) to purchase a copy.