



# SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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## ACCC TO COMMENCE MONITORING PRICES IN ANTICIPATION OF CARBON TAX REPEAL

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has been directed by the Federal Government to undertake a [formal price monitoring](#) role in preparation for the repeal of the carbon tax after July 2014, assuming the repeal Bill passes the Senate. [The [Clean Energy Legislation \(Carbon Tax Repeal\) Bill](#) passed the House of Representatives in November 2013]. The ACCC's focus will be on around 400 businesses, mainly suppliers of regulated goods (natural gas, electricity, synthetic greenhouse gases) as well as corporations identified as [liable entities](#) under the *Clean Energy Act*. The ACCC will be seeking from these businesses information regarding prices, price setting practices and details of how the carbon tax has impacted on pricing structures and carbon component costs.

The ACCC will also be given new powers to take action against businesses that engage in price exploitation in relation to the carbon tax repeal and also to take action against businesses that make false or misleading representations about the effect of the carbon tax repeal or the carbon tax scheme on the price for the supply of goods and services.

## SHOPPING CENTRE COUNCIL AGAIN SPONSORS CHAIN REACTION

The Shopping Centre Council of Australia is again sponsoring Chain Reaction, which raises money for charities assisting sick children. Several SCCA members are corporate partners of Chain Reaction, and many shopping centre staff participate in the annual cycling challenges, which have raised more than \$10 million for charity partners. The Chain Reaction Challenge Foundation is a registered Charitable Fund and is endorsed by the ATO as a Deductible Gift Recipient Charity. Donations for the 2014 cycling events can be made [here](#).

## SHOPPING CENTRE COUNCIL MARKETING AWARDS PRESENTED ON 22 OCTOBER

The *Shopping Centre Council of Australia Marketing Awards* will be presented at an Awards Dinner in Sydney on Wednesday 22 October 2014. The awards, for shopping centre marketing campaigns run between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2014, will be judged in the following six categories: Community; Development/Redevelopment; Sales Promotion; Branding; Best Digital Initiative; and Multi-Centre. A \$20,000 prize is given for the overall 'Campaign of the Year'. Online nominations will open in July 2014. We will continue to keep you informed of further developments in *Shop Talk*.

## EARLY BIRD BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR ICSC RECON IN LAS VEGAS IN MAY

The International Council of Shopping Centers' annual RECon will be held in Las Vegas from 18 to 20 May 2014. Registrations prior to 28 March will save \$150 and registration badges will be received in the mail. Full details are available on the [RECon website](#).

## PROPERTY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA HOSTS RETAIL PROPERTY CONFERENCE IN PERTH

The Property Council Western Australia will host its popular Retail Property Conference in Perth on Wednesday 19 June 2014. Full program details are still being finalised but will be available on [this site](#). Early bird registration will be available [here](#).

## PROPERTY COUNCIL ACADEMY RELEASES THE 2014 COURSE CALENDAR

The Property Council Academy has released its 2014 Professional Development calendar. Click [here](#) to view the calendar; click [here](#) to view the 2014 Course Handbook outlining the modules and speakers; and book courses through [here](#).