



SHOP TALK

ISSUES AND NEWS AFFECTING THE AUSTRALIAN SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY

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LEGISLATION NOW ON HOLD AS NEW QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT IS FORMED

Labor has formed a minority Government in Queensland, with the support of an Independent MP, Peter Wellington, following the election on 30 January. The Premier, Annastacia Palaszczuk, has announced her [Ministry](#). Deputy Premier, Jackie Trad, is Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning; Curtis Pitt is Treasurer; Yvette D'Ath is Attorney General and Minister for Justice; and Kate Jones is Minister for Small Business. We are still to hear the fate of two pieces of significant legislation introduced by the former Government, both of which lapsed with the prorogation of Parliament for the election. These are the *Retail Shop Leases Amendment Bill (Shop Talk 26/11/14 & 18/12/14)* and the *Planning and Development Bill (Shop Talk 4/12/14)*.

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT TO DECLARE EASTER SUNDAY AS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY

The Victorian Minister for Small Business, Adam Somyurek, this week [confirmed](#) that the Victorian Government will gazette Easter Sunday as a public holiday beginning this year. Mr Somyurek also confirmed the Government's intention to declare the Friday before the AFL Grand Final as a public holiday. The addition of the two public holidays will be subject to a Regulatory Impact Statement but the announcement appears to suggest the Government will proceed with this decision – or at least with the Easter Sunday decision - irrespective of the findings of the RIS, which won't be completed by April 2015. The previous Government claimed Labor's election promise regarding these two public holidays would add \$57 million to the State Government's wages bill alone. The decision means, at Easter, there will be four straight days of public holidays. Given Good Friday is a restricted trading day for major retailers, the decision will have a devastating impact on the retail sector.

NABERS RULING ON PARTIAL SERVICING IN SHOPPING CENTRES

The rules underpinning the NABERS for Shopping Centre tool experienced a change recently to address circumstances where a tenancy receives centrally provided Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) services, but provides their own power for Air Handling Units (AHU) and Fan Coil Units (FCU) – a partially serviced tenancy. A copy of the ruling can be found [here](#). The ruling allows for 50% of the GLAR of a partially serviced tenancy to be included as Centrally Services Area or, as an alternative, 100% of the GLAR if the energy used by the tenant for AHU/FCU is included as rateable energy. This issue has been a gap in the NABERS for Shopping Centre tool since its inception and it is pleasing that it has been addressed. The NABERS Team is continuing to investigate a potential rule change regarding high water consuming tenancies.

SAFETY NOTICE ISSUED FOLLOWING INCIDENT AT GALLERIA, WA

A [safety order](#) has been issued following a preliminary investigation into the recent incident at Galleria Shopping Centre in WA. To the extent relevant, it may be prudent to bring this to the attention of relevant teams and contractors so they are aware of the findings and the actions. The incident remains under investigation by EnergySafety and WorkSafe WA.

SHOPPING CENTRE MARKETING AWARDS DINNER ON TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2015

Make a note in your diaries. The 2015 Shopping Centre Council of Australia Marketing Awards will be held on Tuesday 27 October, again at The Ivy in Sydney. The [marketing awards website](#) will keep marketing teams updated on then awards as the year progresses.