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SCCA WELCOMES APPOINTMENT OF NEW VICTORIAN SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSIONER

The Shopping Centre Council of Australia (SCCA) has welcomed the appointment of Greg Jennings as Victoria's new Small Business Commissioner, highlighting the importance of a strong and collaborative relationship between the Victorian Small Business Commission (VSBC) and the shopping centre industry.

Angus Nardi, Chief Executive of the SCCA said: "The SCCA has a long-standing and productive working relationship with the Victorian Small Business Commission, and we look forward to continuing that close and collaborative engagement with Greg Jennings in his new role."

"Victoria's shopping centre industry is built on partnerships between shopping centre owners and the thousands of small businesses and retailers that operate within our centres.

"The Small Business Commissioner plays an important role in industry engagement, advocacy and dispute resolution in relation to the retail industry, and retail leasing, which we strongly support."

The SCCA worked closely with the VSBC this year on Victoria's updated *Retail Leases Information Brochure for Tenants*, which became mandatory for new retail lease negotiations from 1 July 2026. The updated brochure provides prospective tenants with clear, accessible information about their rights and responsibilities, supporting a more transparent and effective retail leasing system.

Mr Nardi said the SCCA would continue to work constructively with the VSBC on retail industry issues, retail leasing matters and other issues affecting the relationship between landlords and retail tenants.

"We congratulate Greg on his appointment and look forward to working with him and his team to support a fair and strong small business and retail sector, and retail leasing market, in Victoria."

The SCCA is the national industry group for major shopping centre owner and operators.

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