



Trading (Allowable Hours) Act 1990

Enquiry into the operation of the Trading (Allowable Hours) Act 1990 Exemptions – Mossman and Port Douglas Tourist Area

Committee Secretary

Education, Employment and Training
Committee
PARLIAMENT HOUSE
BRISBANE QLD 4000

By email

Friday 19th November 2021

Dear Sir / Madam,

Colliers manages Port Village Shopping Centre (<https://www.portvillage.com.au/>) on behalf of owner Primewest. We are focused on adding value to the Shopping Centre and to the local community.

Regarding the invitation for commentary by the Education, Employment and Training Committee on the terms of reference for the Inquiry, Colliers would like to comment in particular on the impact of the 2017 Moratorium applicable to shops in Mossman and Port Douglas Tourism Area (Section 56 of the Act) and recommendations following its enquiry.

There is a heavy reliance on tourism throughout the region, particularly Port Douglas and Daintree. The visitor market expects and needs seven (7) day trading for Saturday arrivals and the overall visitor experience. Additionally, the region is characterised by high level of self-catering accommodation expecting seven (7) day supermarket trading.

Port Village Shopping Centre is anchored by a Coles supermarket and Kmart discount department store along with more than 21 specialty stores. These local businesses rely heavily on the trade providing by tourism to the region.

Christmas and Easter periods are times of very high foot traffic in the shopping centre and should not be hindered by restricted trading on public holidays. The restaurant, café sector has limited capacity so visitors must have access to the maximum number of outlets available.

Our customer visitation on Sundays represents 15% of total customer visits for the week and the same proportion of sales for our retailers. Locally, Sunday trading provides an opportunity for local youth to have jobs during high school creating pathways for future growth.

We request the government to grant a further 5 – 10 year moratorium to allow businesses to trade on all public holidays.

Should you require further information or wish to discuss any of the points raised in this letter please contact myself.

Sincerely,



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