

SHOPPING CENTRE

COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

Holidays & Other Legislation
Amendment Bill 2012
Submission 003

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Mr Ray Hopper MP
Chair
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Your Reference: 11.1.4.c

Dear Mr Hopper,

Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012

I refer to your letter of 22 August concerning the above Bill. We have no objections to the Bill, which we note will not apply until 2013. We note that, among other things, the Bill would align observance of the Queen's Birthday and Labour Day in Queensland with the observance of these public holidays in NSW (with which Queensland shares a border) and this is a sensible move.

We note, however, that "the Labour Day public holiday" is a 'closed day' under section 31B(8)(d) of the *Trading (Allowable Hours) Act 1990*. This means that non-exempt shops in the South-East Queensland area are not permitted to open on that day. There is no justification for this day to be a closed day and its continued inclusion in subsection 31B(8), along with such public holidays as Christmas Day and Good Friday cannot be justified. We therefore respectfully recommend an amendment to the Bill to remove "the Labour Day public holiday" as a 'closed day' in section 31B.

Yours sincerely,



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