



# media statement

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## Sunday trading a positive step – but more needs to be done

### Statement by CCI Chief Executive, James Pearson.

The introduction of legislation to allow Sunday trading in the Perth metropolitan area is a positive step forward after years of delay and political point-scoring.

After decades of campaigning, it now appears the battle for seven day trading has been won.

CCI congratulates the Government and the Opposition for realising that there is no good reason to stand in the way of bringing WA's retail trading hours laws up-to-date.

CCI hopes the Bill will have a smooth passage through the Parliament so that consumers and retailers can start to enjoy the benefits of Sunday trading as soon as possible.

While CCI recognises that progress is being made, more needs to be done.

With both major parties indicating they will support the Bill, the chance to bring retail trading hours laws in the metropolitan area up-to-date once and for all should be fully embraced.

Under the current proposal, the State's retail trading hours laws will remain littered with complex and unnecessary rules.

CCI believes the complex list of regulations which dictate to some retailers what they can and can't sell should be immediately removed. For example, under the proposed laws:

- Outside of the hours of 11am to 5pm on a Sunday, hardware stores still won't be able to sell electrical goods like dishwashers and ovens. They are allowed to sell outdoor lighting, but not indoor lighting, and they can stock all safety clothing except overalls.
- Outside of the hours of 11am to 5pm on a Sunday, newsagencies and book stores can sell educational toys, but computer games are banned. They can also sell sporting replacement items such as fishing hooks and darts, but not other sporting equipment.

CCI urges both the Government and the Opposition to fully deregulate retail trading in WA.

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