



# media statement

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## Bi-partisan support for Sunday trading – now is the time for action.

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

Now that both major political parties have declared their support for Sunday trading, both need to come to the table as soon as possible to make Sunday trading a reality across the Perth metropolitan area.

Sunday trading has strong consumer and business support and gives retailers the opportunity to meet the demands of their customers. Allowing all shops to open on Sundays, all of the year round, will be a boost to retailers who have been doing it tough in recent times.

This bi-partisan position is recognition of the strong tide of public opinion and follows a decades-long campaign from the business community to bring Perth's retail trading hours into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

This change will also help create more jobs for workers who want the flexibility of working on weekends, or existing employees looking for more work.

This is a significant change of policy from the WA Labor Party which follows the recent lead of the government to extend trading hours. It is now up to both the Liberal and the Labor parties to work together to deliver Sunday trading to the people of Perth.

CCI calls on the Government and Opposition to make Sunday trading a legislative priority. There is now no reason to delay.

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