

28 July 2009

Colin Barnett MLA
Premier; Minister for State Development
Parliament of Western Australia
24th Floor, Governor Stirling Tower
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Dear Premier,

Retail Trading Hours Amendment Bill 2009

As you are aware, the Committee for Perth seeks to promote and enable change that will drive the sustainable development of Perth. It is our belief that the outdated restrictions on trading hours in the greater metropolitan area are limiting investment, job creation and competition.

To achieve a vibrant city that keeps its youth, attracts visitors and investment, whilst importantly supporting residents with choice, the extending of trading hours on weeknights to all businesses, is an important step.

That is why in *A Cultural Compact for Western Australia*, members of the Committee for Perth recommended that the State Government take a leadership role to develop an overarching cultural policy for metropolitan Perth that includes deregulation of retail outlets.

Research conducted in February 2009 by our partner organisation the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Western Australia, shows that six out of 10 Perth adults support extending late night trading.

It is important that you and your colleagues as leaders respond to the change upon us and appropriately support Western Australians working different hours and wanting greater choice and convenience.

If you would like to discuss the Committee for Perth's support for the *Bill*, please contact me at the office on 9481 5699.

Yours sincerely



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