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## **Legal Sunday trading on the way**

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Seven day a week trading will soon be legal for all NSW shops, Regulatory Reform Minister Joe Tripodi said.

Reforms to the Shop Trading Bill 2008 passed through NSW Parliament yesterday and will come into affect on July 1.

Mr Tripodi said the reforms will clear up unnecessary red tape for businesses.

“The changes will remove confusion around legal opening times, which can be frustrating for retailers and consumers alike,” Mr Tripodi said.

Under the reforms, shops will be allowed to open on most public holidays, with the exception of Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and the morning of ANZAC Day.

“These reforms will ensure the legislation reflects modern community expectations,” Mr Tripodi said.

“The Bill will remove the red tape retailers currently go through in order to gain exemptions to trade on Sundays and some public holidays.

“It will ensure the legislation is simple and consistent, giving retailers and consumers certainty from year to year about when shops will and won’t be open for business.”

This significant reduction in red tape and improved clarity around public holiday trading has been welcomed by retailers and industry groups such as the Shopping Centre Council and the Hunter Business Chamber.

The NSW Business Chamber called the Bill a “sensible improvement” to the current trading hour regulations and said the modernisation of trading standards would be welcomed by NSW small businesses.

The Australian National Retailers Association also supported the Bill, saying “everyone benefits from more flexible trading hours – consumers, retailers, job seekers, and retailers both small and large.”

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