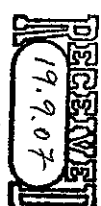


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The Better Regulation Office
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Reform of Shop Trading Hours In NSW

The GPT Group is one of Australia's largest diversified listed property groups, with total assets over \$12 billion. In New South Wales, The GPT Group has ownership interests in 8 major retail shopping centres.

The GPT Group strongly supports the reform of shop trading hours in NSW. The current system of regulation is unnecessary and confusing.

We believe restrictions on Sunday trading should be removed. Customer preference has seen Sunday become one of the most popular days to shop. This would bring the law in NSW into line with that of Victoria, Tasmania, ACT and the Northern Territory.

The Government should also remove restrictions on public holiday trading, which like Sunday are a very popular day customers choose to shop. Alternatively, the Government could remove restrictions on all but Christmas Day, Good Friday and the morning of Anzac Day.

The GPT Group is a member of the Shopping Centre Council of Australia and endorses the more comprehensive submission and recommendations made by the SCCA on this matter.

Yours faithfully

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