



City of Busselton

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INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS

AUGUST 2014

PROPOSAL FOR EXTENDED RETAIL TRADING HOURS IN BUSSELTON

Submissions to:
City of Busselton
Attn: Chief Executive Officer
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Busselton WA 6280
city@busselton.wa.gov.au

CURRENT RETAIL TRADING HOURS

The Retail Trading Hours Act 1987 applies to retail shops in Western Australia south of the 26th parallel. It sets out the trading hours and rules covering various categories of retail outlets. The trading hours of restaurants, cafes and takeaway food shops are not covered by the Act. Current year round General Retail Trading Hours, as per the Retail Trading Hours Act 1987, include:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8.00am to 9.00pm;
- Saturday from 8.00am to 5.00pm;
- Sunday and Public Holidays from 11.00am to 5.00pm;
- Christmas Day, Good Friday and ANZAC Day: Closed.

Further information about retail trading hours in Western Australia is available at:

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/consumer-protection/retail-trading-hours>

Non-metropolitan Local Governments are empowered, subject to endorsement by the Minister for Commerce, to extend general retail trading hours beyond those stipulated in the *Retail Trading Hours Act 1987* and any permitted exemptions.

Currently the Department of Commerce permits trading hours in City of Busselton shopping precincts as follows:

Busselton

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8.00am to 7.00pm;
- Thursday: 8.00am to 9.00pm;
- Saturday: 8.00am to 6.00pm;
- Sunday and Public Holidays: 10.00am to 6.00pm;
- Christmas Day, Good Friday and ANZAC Day: Closed.

Dunsborough

- Monday to Sunday from 8.00am to 9.00pm inclusive of ALL Public holidays (including Good Friday, ANZAC Day and Christmas Day)

Each year, the City of Busselton consults with the local community and businesses to determine extended trading hours for the Christmas and holiday trading periods for approval by the Minister for Commerce. Extended trading hours have been requested by the Busselton Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) to cater for periods of high customer demand during major events and the holiday season. The Department of Commerce has previously suggested that Busselton consider making application for a permanent/long term variation to its trading hours to eliminate the need for annual submissions and to create uniform hours across the year.

PROPOSED RETAIL TRADING HOURS

Following a recent review of the current trading hours across the City of Busselton, including the recognition of continued annual extensions for the major events and holiday season in Busselton, and anomalies in trading hours that exist between Busselton and Dunsborough,

Council is seeking submissions on a proposal to progress towards unifying the trading hours across the local government district by the following year-round extension to retail trading hours in Busselton:

- **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 8.00am to 9.00pm**
- **ANZAC Day: 1.00pm to 9.00pm**
- **Christmas Day, Good Friday: Closed**

It is proposed Dunsborough's extended trading hours (as approved by the Minister for Commerce in 1993) be retained.

Community feedback will be reviewed by Council prior to formally considering the matter and any potential submission being made to the Minister for Commerce.

OPTIONS TO CONSIDER

The Council will consider submissions received prior to resolving to adopt preferred retail trading hours and submitting an application to the Department of Commerce.

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

Members of the community are invited to make a written submission about the proposed extended retail trading hours and can lodge it as follows:

Mail: City of Busselton
Locked Bag 1
BUSSELTON WA 6280

Hand to: City of Busselton, 1 Southern Drive Busselton

Email: city@busselton.wa.gov.au

Online: On the City's website at www.busselton.wa.gov.au. Go to the 'public consultation' tab.

The closing date for submissions is 22nd August 2014.

**Submission on the Proposed Extended Retail Hours in
Busselton**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

I am a business owner in the City of Busselton: **YES / NO** (please circle one)

Please note that the provision of these details is mandatory. Submitted surveys without these contact details will not be valid.

Submission