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Dear Mr Hales

2026-27 Christmas and Public Holiday Retail Trading Extensions – Perth Metropolitan Area

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia (CCIWA) supports alternative extended trading hours for general retail shops in the Perth metropolitan area during the Christmas trading period. This is the 28-day Christmas/New Year period (excluding Christmas Day) between 5 December 2026 and 1 January 2027 (inclusive), for which the following trading hours should apply:

- Monday to Friday – 7:00am to 9:00pm
- Saturday – 8:00am to 9:00pm
- Sunday – 8:00am to 6:00pm
- Boxing Day and New Year's Day – 8:00am to 6:00pm

CCIWA also applies for alternative trading hours for the following public holidays in 2027:

- Australia Day, Tuesday 26 January 2027 – 8:00am to 9:00pm
- Labour Day, Monday 1 March 2027 – 8:00am to 9:00pm
- Easter Sunday, Sunday 28 March 2027 – 8:00am to 9:00pm
- Easter Monday, Monday 29 March 2027 – 8:00am to 9:00pm
- ANZAC Day in Lieu, Monday 26 April 2027 – 8:00am to 9:00pm
- Western Australia Day, Monday 7 June 2027 – 8:00am to 9:00pm
- King's Birthday, Monday 27 September 2027 – 8:00am to 9:00pm

CCIWA makes this application under section 12E of the *Retail Trading Hours Act 1987* (WA).

Extended trading hours provide consumers with greater choice, flexibility and convenience, especially for working families, as well as additional hours of work for employees. This is of particular importance to people during the holiday period, and public holidays generally.

In addition, if we are to continue to attract interstate and international visitors, we need to ensure our retail sector meets the expectations of visitors.

Moving forward, the State Government should modernise its approach to trading hours across Perth to further support a vibrant, growing city. In particular, the Government should consider introducing reforms to bring Saturday trading in closer alignment with Monday to Friday trading hours and to extend trading on Sundays and public holidays. This could start as an extended trial.

If you require any further information, please contact Dr Daniel Kiely, Chief Economist, at

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Yours sincerely

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