

RETAIL TRADING HOURS AMENDMENT (MIDLAND TOURISM PRECINCT) BILL 2010

Introduction and First Reading

Bill introduced, on motion by **Mr W.R. Marmion (Minister for Commerce)**, and read a first time.

Explanatory memorandum presented by the minister.

Second Reading

MR W.R. MARMION (Nedlands — Minister for Commerce) [10.15 am]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

The bill the government is introducing today is the Retail Trading Hours Amendment (Midland Tourism Precinct) Bill 2010. The purpose of the bill is to amend the Retail Trading Hours Act 1987 to establish a new tourism precinct in Midland.

The house should note that on 24 November 2009 it passed the Retail Trading Hours Amendment (Joondalup Special Trading Precinct) Bill 2009, which will change the term “tourism precinct” used in section 12A of the principal act to “special trading precinct”. For procedural and drafting reasons, the current bill must refer to the “Midland tourism precinct”, but it is the government’s intention to amend this bill to refer to the “Midland special trading precinct” should the Joondalup bill be passed and come into operation.

Midland has been selected as a location for a new precinct for the following reasons: because of the strong support provided by its local government; for geographical reasons—namely, to balance the distribution of such precincts across the metropolitan area; and because of Midland’s existing and growing importance as a commercial centre and visitor destination in an urban growth corridor and transport corridor. The government proposes to prescribe the area of the Midland tourism precinct by regulation in consultation with the relevant local government authority, as has been done with the Perth and Fremantle tourism precincts. It should be noted that the principal act gives the Minister for Commerce the capacity to put forward changes to the boundaries of tourism precincts in response to changing needs or circumstances through changes to the relevant regulations. It is intended that a ministerial order will be made under section 12A(1) of the principal act providing the new Midland precinct with appropriate trading hours, as has been done for the Perth and Fremantle precincts.

The City of Swan is strongly supportive of the creation of the precinct as it recognises the opportunities these changes present its community. I commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned, on motion by **Mr D.A. Templeman**.