

**RETAIL TRADING HOURS AMENDMENT
(MIDLAND SPECIAL TRADING PRECINCT) BILL 2010**

Receipt and First Reading

Bill received from the Assembly; and, on motion by **Hon Norman Moore (Leader of the House)**, read a first time.

Second Reading

HON NORMAN MOORE (Mining and Pastoral — Leader of the House) [8.54 pm]: 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 Special Trading Precinct) Bill 2010. The purpose of the bill is to amend the Retail Trading Hours Act 1987 to establish a new special trading precinct in Midland. I note that the bill was introduced in the other place with a different title, namely, the Retail Trading Hours Amendment (Midland Tourism Precinct) Bill 2010 because, at the time of its introduction, the principal act referred to “tourism” precincts. The house should note that on 30 June 2010 it passed the Retail Trading Hours Amendment (Joondalup Special Trading Precinct) Bill 2009. The Retail Trading Hours Amendment (Joondalup Special Trading Precinct) Act 2010 became law on 7 July 2010. That act has changed the terminology used in the principal act so that a “tourism precinct” is now called a “special trading precinct”. Consequential amendments have been made to this bill in the other place to reflect that change in terminology.

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 special trading precinct by regulation in consultation with the relevant local government authority, as has been done with the Perth, Fremantle and Joondalup special trading precincts. It should be noted that the principal act gives the Minister for Commerce the capacity to put forward changes to the boundaries of special trading 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 existing special trading precincts.

I commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned, pursuant to standing orders.