

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

*Retail Trading Hours Amendment
Bill 2021*

RETAIL TRADING HOURS AMENDMENT BILL 2021

Overview of Bill

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the *Retail Trading Hours Act 1987* (the Act) to extend trading hours for general retail shops in the district of Perth.

This is accomplished by defining a new geographical region for the district of Perth and defining the hours that general retail shops must be closed in that region.

The Bill requires general retail shops in the district of Perth to be closed –

- a) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday between the hours of 9 p.m. and 8 a.m.;
- b) on Sunday between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.; and
- c) on public holidays and public half-holidays.

Trading hours for general retail shops in the district of Perth will be subject to orders to vary trading hours, as defined in s 12E of the Act.

CLAUSE NOTES

Clause 1 Short Title

Sets out that this is the *Retail Trading Hours Amendment Act 2021*.

Clause 2 Commencement

Provides that this Act comes into operation on the day that the Act receives the Royal Assent.

Clause 3 Act amended

Provides that this Act amends the *Retail Trading Hours Act 1987*.

Clause 4 Section 3 amended

Inserts a new definition for the ***district of Perth***, taking it's meaning from the *City of Perth Act 2016*.

Clause 5 Section 12 amended

Section 12(3) of the *Retail Trading Hours Act 1987* defines the hours that a general retail shop must be closed in the metropolitan area. Clause 5 inserts a new subsection to specify that section 12(3) does not apply to general retail shops in the district of Perth.

Clause 6 Section 12A inserted

Inserts a new section to define trading hours for general retail shops in the district of Perth.