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Dear Ms Scott

COMMERCIAL TENANCY – LEASE REGISTERS

As you may be aware, the Government is proposing to make a range of amendments to the *Commercial Tenancy (Retail Shops) Agreements Act 1985* (the Act). These would address deficiencies in the Act and improve the commercial tenancy rights of small business. The Government intends to introduce an amendment Bill into the Parliament during 2010, following consultation during 2009.

The creation of a lease register has recently been the subject of discussions between the Government and the Opposition in the context of changes being considered for retail trading hours. The Government has committed to consider options for including lease register requirements in the Act prior to introducing its amendment Bill.

At the Government's request the Department of Commerce has undertaken an analysis of various options for creating lease register requirements and has developed a proposal for shopping centre lease registers. A Position Paper in relation to this proposal is enclosed with this letter.

If you wish to provide feedback in relation to the lease register proposal, please forward your comments to the following address by **6 October 2010**:

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