
Preston and Deer Park Member Roadshow: Changes to the Retail Leases Act

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Dear Members

A recent decision made by the Victorian Court of Appeals has interpreted the Retail Leases Act 2003 (the Act) to confirm that premises used for supplying commercial services to other businesses are covered by the Act.

VACC, in collaboration with the Victorian Small Business Commission (VSBC) is running a series of roadshows across metropolitan and regional Victoria to inform members of how this may impact on your business.

We will be running two roadshows in the Metro North and West

Preston: Thursday 19 July - Cramer's Hotel - 6.30pm for 7pm start – 8.00pm

Deer Park: Tuesday 21 August - Deer Park Club - 6.30pm for 7pm start – 8.00pm

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Businesses that are currently under a commercial lease may be eligible to renegotiate and apply to be covered by the Act.

There are several differences between a retail and commercial lease, such as who is responsible for paying land tax or contribute to capital costs – along with other financial outgoings.

It is essential that members arm themselves with all the information as it may have serious implications for your business.

Mr Mark Schramm, Senior Manager Dispute Resolution Services at the VSBC will be on hand to explain the changes and answer any questions.

Who should attend?

Any member who is either a tenant or landlord operating under, or engaged in a Commercial Leasing agreement.

To understand the issue further, please read the media release [HERE](#) and/or watch the video prepared by the VSBC [HERE](#)

Regards

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