

11. SHOP TRADING HOURS (ABOLITION OF RESTRICTIONS) BILL

RR 10100

The Director of Policy reported, recommending that a submission be made to the Justice and Law Reform Select Committee opposing the provisions of this Bill.

The Shop Trading Hours (Abolition of Restrictions) Bill is a private member's Bill in the name of Patricia Schnauer, an ACT MP. The Bill proposes to remove all restrictions on shop trading hours except the restriction on trading on Anzac Day up to 1pm.

The majority of the Committee were not in favour of this recommendation on the grounds that there were inconsistencies and anomalies in the present legislation and the proposed Bill would go some way to correcting these anomalies. The element of choice that the legislation gave to both retailers and the public was also seen by some Councillors as being a strength of the proposed legislation.

The recommendation contained in the clause when put to the meeting was declared **lost**.