

18 May 2018

Carolyn McNally
Secretary
Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Ms McNally,

Re: Proposed amendments to the SI LEP: Better planning for NSW retail sector

UDIA NSW supports the simplification of the NSW planning system. We consider the planning system should support good outcomes: supporting business objectives and the community's strategic intent. With those principles in mind we make the following observations:

Artisan Premises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UDIA NSW does not support the proposed definition of artisan premises. This appears to be looking to create a definition for an activity that has emerged within existing definitions such as light industry. Additional definitions may add to complexity within the planning system. We are concerned with the comment, "where it does not compromise the viability of other employment generating manufacturing and industrial uses", we consider this should be further explained.
Garden Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UDIA NSW has no comments on this matter
Local Distribution Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UDIA NSW supports the encouragement of local distribution centres responding to online shopping. There should be some consideration of what zones would be appropriate for local distribution centres, beyond where a 'warehouse or distribution centre' is already permitted.
Neighbourhood Supermarket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UDIA NSW supports permitting small-scale supermarkets in the B1 neighbourhood zones. We recognise the would encourage walkable communities and enable easier access to convenient daily shopping.
Specialised retail premises (incorporating bulky goods premises)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UDIA NSW notes the Department has chosen to adopt the Victorian definition of 'restricted retail premises' for the definition of 'Specialised retail premises'. This supports a wider range of uses and supports a 'showroom style' model, while providing certainty to industry.

We would be pleased to meet with you to discuss this matter further. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Sam Stone, Manager, Policy and Research, UDIA NSW on (02) 9262 1214 or at ssstone@udiansw.com.au.

Yours sincerely,



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