

**16.1: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CALLEJA – EXTENDED TRADING HOURS
WITHIN THE CITY OF ALBANY**

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VOTING REQUIREMENT: ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

THAT Item 16.1 be ACCEPTED as an urgent item.

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VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY**

THAT the application for extended trading hours on 26 January 2012 be APPROVED.

Councillor's Reason:

In order to promote trade and to display Albany as a vibrant tourist destination, the National Retail Association, with the support of the Albany Chamber of Commerce and Industry, requests extended trading hours for general retail shops.

The application is for extended trading hours on Thursday 26 January 2012 from 9am to 6pm (Australia Day).

This proposal would affect all retailers covered under the Retail Trading Hours Act within the municipality of Albany. It would not be compulsory for retailers to trade on this day.

Approval would benefit trade and tourism.

The Albany Chamber of Commerce and Industry is representative of the affected segment of the populations and supports the proposal.

Minister of Commerce consent will need to be sought once Council support has been given prior to the extended trading hours being applied on the suggested date. Given the need for Ministerial consent, the matter must be considered at this meeting.

There is a precedent for a temporary extension of this nature in relation to gazetted public holidays in Albany.