

Big retailers seek standard rules

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Trading regulations that have long disrupted WA's large format retailers are closer to being resolved, according to the Large Format Retail Association.

Standard definitions of bulky goods traders and an end to conflicting local government rules about what can be sold in the sector have been included in reforms to the model scheme text, which will be progressively adopted by local governments as local planning schemes are reviewed.

The Large Format Retail Association said it would now focus on the planning scheme updates by local governments

that control precincts occupied by its retailers.

Association chief executive Philippa Kelly said the industry group had been pursuing standardised definitions for a number of years.

"It's still going to take time, but we are a long way towards achieving a much improved scenario for the sector," she said.

"The WA Government has made a very substantial change to meet our needs and now we are working towards the implementation process.

"We are heartened to see the WA Planning Commission has dealt with the changes to the reviews that councils have to undertake and we have the support of the commission

that our definitions will be promptly applied."

Councils that don't comply would have to seek a ministerial exemption.

Variations across local schemes meant large format retailers in WA could not operate in otherwise appropriate zones or have had to change their product offering to avoid a conflict with local government scheme requirements.

Nationally the large format sector generates annual sales of \$63 billion and occupies 30 per cent of all retail space. According to property economics consultancy Deep End Services, in WA the sector employs 50,000 people directly and indirectly and accounts for annual sales of \$7.6 billion.



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