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Bulky Goods Retailers Association unites industry stakeholders

The Bulky Goods Retailers Association held its first quarterly forum for 2008 in Auckland last month, it's first outside Australia, and the event attracted record attendance. The increase in numbers mirrors the growth and strength of the peak industry body.

"A number of changes have taken place in the Association in recent years with our membership growing to include all major Australian bulky goods retailers," said executive director Philippa Kelly. "Significantly, all industry stakeholders are working together to ensure a long and successful future for bulky goods retailing."

Latest BIS Shrapnel figures show that bulky goods retailing accounts for 23.1 per cent or \$41.8 billion of all retail sales in Australia.

"Bulky goods has become a very significant and distinct retail sector in Australia and as a result, a number of state governments are reviewing planning policy in order to provide up-to-date guidelines for development of bulky goods retail properties. The BGRA is actively involved in these reviews and, importantly, we represent the industry as a whole," added Ms Kelly.

The Auckland forum, which incorporated a tour of major bulky goods sites across the city, featured a panel discussion from leading New Zealand agents, planning consultants and property developers providing an overview to forum participants. BIS Shrapnel's senior property analyst Maria Lee also presented the latest Australian bulky goods property review outcomes.

"Every forum attendee felt that the BGRA forum was beneficial. Everyone had something to contribute and gain," said Ms Kelly.

The Bulky Goods Retailers Association is the peak national body for bulky goods retailers in Australia. For further information phone Philippa Kelly, executive director, on (03) 9859 0534 or email pkelly@bgra.com.au.

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