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ETS Threat Destroys Business Confidence and Recovery

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Peak national industry body, The Retailers Association, is demanding the Rudd Government pull back from what it terms “ultimately a suicide mission” to wedge an ETS Tax into the Australian economy.

Scott Driscoll, National Executive Director of The Retailers Association has said small business and retailers across Australia are feeling the impact of the ongoing Rudd Government ETS debacle, as business confidence over the issue continues to take a massive hit.

“We know that when this Rudd Government ETS Tax was proposed just pre the Copenhagen collapse a month ago, it was going to cost \$1,100 per Australian household per year. That’s \$1,100 per each and every household not going through cash registers and into the real economy, not securing real jobs and not creating real growth,” said Mr Driscoll.

“Instead we are seeing this push by the elitists in the political establishment within the Rudd Government trying to push us back off the same cliff just weeks earlier and saying damn the consequences,” said Mr Driscoll.

“The Rudd ETS Tax proposal appears completely rudderless and is having the same impact on business confidence and our ability to plan for future growth as a drunken sailor stumbling through a shop full of fine china. It’s unthinkable a government would inflict this on a segment of it’s community that is the largest employment segment in the nation. It’s just totally irresponsible,” said Mr Driscoll.

“Throw in that this proposed Rudd ETS will have zero impact on anything to do with the environment, instead simply stands to create a giant government slush fund, just adds to the farce this has now become,” said Mr Driscoll.

“I call on Prime Minister Rudd to stop the rot, leave the money in the pockets of the Australian population, rather than attempting a massive tax grab scam to boost his government’s coffers and to let us in the small business community grow and continue to deliver real jobs and security for Australians,” said Mr Driscoll.

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