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Industry Backs Coalition Support for “Forgotten People”

Driscoll – “Greater certainty for small businesses is a welcomed and much needed development”

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The **United Retail Federation**, a peak national industry body representing the retail sector has today welcomed the Coalition’s call for greater protection and certainty on Industrial Relations legislation for small business in Australia.

Scott Driscoll, National Executive Director of the **United Retail Federation**, said that the decision to better protect the “forgotten people” of small business through the reform of unfair dismissal laws was a “step in the right direction”.

“As a national industry body representing thousands of members across the country we are intimately aware of the issues with the current industrial relations laws and the extra cost and administration burdens they inflict, which at the end of the day cost jobs,” Mr Driscoll said.

“My office has been in discussions as recently as today with Opposition Leader Tony Abbott’s office, on the topic of IR and what small business needs moving forward, so we can grow and continue to employ more Australians. For us it’s about getting the balance right for the future.

“So it is very pleasing to see positive developments from the Coalition in this area in order to strengthen the small business sector and create more jobs.

“It is absolutely the case that the micro-business sector has been vulnerable to Labor’s IR legislation, precluding them from working productively with their own staff.

“We’ve repeatedly warned the Rudd Government that the small business sector has been suffering from great uncertainty due to inflexible, confusing and flawed industrial relations legislation, which might make sense to the heavies over at the ACTU, but would leave most mum and dad businesses shaking their heads in fear and confusion,” said Mr Driscoll

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