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### **“Ghost Town Tax” is No Road Out of Deficit**

**Driscoll: “The Rudd Super Tax will turn communities into Ghost Towns and is NO road to surplus”**

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**Scott Driscoll**, National President of peak national industry body, the **United Retail Federation** has condemned the notion that the “Super Profits Tax” proposed by the Rudd Government is any path out of massive government debt.

“Grade 11 economics students realise that increasing the tax take on a target reduces the base to draw from,” said Mr Driscoll.

“Targeted businesses either constrict operations or find opportunities elsewhere. We can’t afford to let the miners look elsewhere or the small business and retail sector will pay the price for ill conceived policy, businesses will close and thousands of jobs will be lost.

“After the mining companies pack up, pull out or constrict operations when savaged by the Rudd Super Tax, it will be too late to unscramble this rotten omelette and egg will be on the face of anyone foolish enough to have backed this dud anti-jobs tax.

“Make no mistake, the Rudd super tax will directly impact the small business and retail sectors across Australia. We are scared out of our wits by this big new tax.

“Kevin Rudd must back down, back off and back flip on this insane super tax that will wash over the entire economy like an economic tsunami.

“It’s time for serious solutions to get Australia out of the debt mess we are currently in, not knee jerk slapped together rubbish a few days before the Federal Budget,” said Mr Driscoll.

**For further comment call Scott Driscoll on 0413 831 045.**

Editors Note: Scott Driscoll, National President of the United Retail Federation will be available for comment today and across this week at Parliament House, Canberra.