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### Small Business Says “Super Tax” will Push up Food Prices and Wipe out Communities

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A peak industry body representing the Retail, Grocery and Small Business sector has disputed Treasurer, Wayne Swan’s claims that the Super Tax “will reduce the price of food” and has labelled the comments “nutty numbers”.

**Scott Driscoll**, National President of the **United Retail Federation**, has said that the immediate feedback from the broad based membership he represents indicated that the proposed **Rudd Super Tax** will not only cripple small business but also wipe out entire communities.

“This short-sighted and destructive tax must be stopped for the sake of Australia’s future prosperity,” Mr Driscoll said.

“The proposed Rudd Super Tax will increase the daily cost of living pressures on everything from the basic elements such as fertilizers needed to grow food, through to the power and electricity needed at every point of the supply chain, to fuel the coal fired power stations.

“The Rudd Super Tax is going to be a big new tax on every Australian and simply must be stopped.

“The comments from the Treasurer are disturbing. It seems he is more than willing to sacrifice the small business community, the backbone of Australia’s economy, on the altar of Mr Rudd’s vanity.

“This Prime Minister has learnt nothing from his ETS failure and is doomed to repeat the same mistakes via his “Super Tax” or aka “ETS Mark Two”,” Mr Driscoll said.

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