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### **Open War Declared on Small Business by Rudd Government and Labor Unions with Wage Increase Insanity**

**Driscoll - *“Wage increases delivered now close the door on  
thousands of small businesses and tens of thousands of  
jobs for working Australians”***

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The **United Retail Federation**, a peak national industry body representing the small business and retail sectors across Australia, has condemned the Labour Union-backed Fair Work Australia decision to raise wages today by \$26.69 per week, saying that it has “nailed the coffin in on small business and tens of thousands of jobs for working Australians”.

**Scott Driscoll**, National President of the *United Retail Federation* said that the small business and retail sectors are under “sustained economic attack” and this latest cost burden imposed by the union movement will mean that jobs will be lost.

“This decision has nailed the coffin in on small business and thousands of jobs for working Australians,” Mr Driscoll

“From the independent grocer through to the mum and dad café and fruit shop owner, small business is now in such a precarious state that this will mean there will certainly be widespread job losses. Base wage increases on top of the dramatic increases to penalty rates also demanded by the Labor Unions will destroy job opportunities, not increase wages for everyone.

“The ACTU is again practicing Voodoo economics with its claims of a resurgent small business sector. The ACTU President, Sharan Burrow and her ‘comrades’ like Jeff Lawrence should walk with me down "Main Street Australia" in the real world and I'll show her what her "nutty numbers" will inflict.

“When small business and retailers are cutting staff and shutting their doors due to a volatile economic landscape I would suggest the claims by the Labour Union movement be considered in the context of the Ivory Towers in which they reside. The gulf between the Labour Union officials and the rest of us working in the real world just grew wider today," said Mr Driscoll.

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