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Latest Westpac-Melbourne Institute Survey Proves Super Tax Will Affect Small Business

**Driscoll - “The Super Tax destroys consumer confidence and
affects small business. The Rudd Government has been deaf
to the calls of small business”**

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The **United Retail Federation**, a peak national industry body representing the small business and retail sector across Australia, has responded to the latest drop in consumer confidence by condemning the Rudd Government’s ‘Super Tax’ and declaring the tax would continue to affect small business across the country

Scott Driscoll, National President of the *United Retail Federation* said that the small business and retail sectors are “being punished by this incredibly stupid and delinquent tax”. The statements follow a poll of the Federation’s membership that showed 90.5% of small businesses believe the Rudd Super Tax will have negative flow on effects to their business and the largest two-month fall in consumer confidence since early 2008. The index fell by 5.7 per cent this month and the cumulative fall over the previous two months was 12.3 per cent.

“The Rudd Government Super Tax is an unmitigated disaster wreaking havoc across all industries, not the least being small business and retail,” Mr Driscoll said.

“It is clear from this dramatic drop in consumer confidence that the Super Tax is vandalising the nation’s economy on a broad scale.

“When you see components of consumer confidence, such as the family finances dropping 17.7% versus a year ago in conjunction with weak sales data you know this is just a disaster.

“The Rudd Government has no option than to drop this ‘Super Tax’ like a lead balloon. Mr Rudd is by now well versed in the backflip and should do likewise on this unmitigated disaster of a tax,” Mr Driscoll said.

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