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Craig Emerson Goes “Emo” today (again) live on TV News

Scott Driscoll establishes anger management welfare fund to get the Minister through the upcoming election cycle.

****Please see below video clip of Emerson outburst on ABC2 News Breakfast****

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGZsEHI62Gs>

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Scott Driscoll, National President of the **United Retail Federation**, has responded today to the extraordinary attacks by the Federal Small Business Minister by saying that rather than putting his cardiovascular health at risk with rants and personal attacks, the Minister should invest his energy in genuinely representing the Small Business sector which has recently seen the Gillard Government renege on its tax rate cuts and then yesterday announce via the tax office that small businesses would be demonised by increasing audits on the small business sector, on the eve of the federal election.

“I’ve been shown the ranting and raving by Craig Emerson this morning on ABC television news and following bemusement that this guy is actually a federal Minister, then despair at the lack of focus and seriousness the Small Business Minister seems to have for the sector he’s meant to be representing, I became very concerned for his health as he looked as though he was about to blow a major artery in his rampant attack on small businesses and his extraordinary personal attack on me,” Mr Driscoll said.

“It is constantly disappointing to witness this particular Minister launch into rants and personal attacks when he would be better served representing the portfolio that employs the majority of working Australians. My concerns are those of small business and my focus is on policy. The Minister would do well to adopt a similar approach, rather than waste everyone’s time attacking the messenger.

“The Minister did raise the issue of the tax rate cut promises which his government has now reneged on in cutting a deal with three big mining companies to save some political skin.

“The Minister did not talk about the inflationary pressures the government has created via spending and borrowing policies, the six interest rate rises that sent many small businesses to the wall or have inflicted major economic pressures, the unfair and unrealistic weekend and evening pay rates that have seen skyrocketing prices and cuts to hours for working Australians.

“Nor did Minister Emerson raise the issue of his government waving through bank acquisitions and consolidations that have locked out small business from accessing finance which they require to just exist and trade day to day.

“I am calling on all Australians when reaching into their pockets to pay more tax to also consider a silver coin donation to the '**Craig Emerson's Small Business Anger Management Fund**' in order for the Minister to seek anger management treatment and hopefully get on track to representing the sector which collectively employs the majority of Australian workers. A donation tin is in my reception area for any concerned citizens,” Mr Driscoll said.

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For further comment contact Scott Driscoll on 0413 831 045.

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