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## Federal Election - Game On for Small Business Demands

### Driscoll – “Australia’s 2 Million forgotten small business operators WILL be heard during the 2010 Federal Election”

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Scott Driscoll, National President of the **United Retail Federation**, a peak national industry body has laid down a set of demands on the eve of the federal election to both Parties.

“This election must be about returning stability to the Australian economy and returning consumer confidence to the domestic market, Mr Driscoll said.

“As a priority, further reckless **government spending** and borrowing must be stopped immediately so as to remove the major contributing factor to the upward pressure on inflation and interest rates.

“**Industrial relations** must be returned to the middle ground, from the current Union written militant rules and regulations, which have stood to curb what employment growth would otherwise be today. These extreme IR laws must be amended and made to deliver a moderate and considered balance between workers and employers before more jobs are destroyed.

“Cash flow to small business must be restored. The waving through by the Federal Government of the sale of **small business friendly banks** such as St George and Bank West, has contributed to a drought of funds to small business. The next Australian Government must act to establish “freedom funds” for small business operators, either via the under writing of special loans to small business or a full blown Government backed Small Business Bank.

“**Competition laws** in Australia are an abject failure and turn a blind eye to the market manipulation executed daily by various national chain stores and multi-nationals. The failing ACCC must be fully restructured if not completely replaced, with a meaningful and empowered federal body, charged with not only monitoring competition, but acting daily to preserve it in an aggressive and meaningful way on behalf of consumers and the small business sector.

“The next Federal Government MUST install the Small Business Minister within the inner **Cabinet** to give small business a strong voice at the main decision making table. The current status and the current occupant, of the Small Business Ministry must be corrected in the interests of the 2 Million small business operators across Australia,” Mr Driscoll said.

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