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### **Prime Minister Forgets to “move forward” with Small Business in her election speech**

#### ***Driscoll: 2 Million small business owners NOT “moving forward” with the PM***

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**Scott Driscoll**, National President of the **United Retail Federation** has judged the first volley by Prime Minister Julia Gillard in the 2010 election campaign as a monumental failure of the small business community.

“Julia Gillard failed to engage with the small business community whatsoever during her embarrassing “moving forward” slogan ridden speech,” said Mr Driscoll.

“Prime Minister Julia Gillard has stalled at the gates when the starting gun fired. Ironically it was her firing the gun and you’d have thought she would have been ready to ‘move forward’ for small business, but she wasn’t.

“Julia Gillard says the current Rudd-Gillard government is a ‘good government’. Let me assure the current Prime Minister that this government has been a disaster for small business across Australia.

“Small businesses have moved backwards under this government and are facing great uncertainty due to the new \$150Billion debt racked up by this government, the pressures on inflation via these policies and the increasing interest rates which have been forced on Australians.

“The deliberately grey and murky mist now shrouded around the big new ETS tax and the big new mining tax is causing massive uncertainty right across the Australian economy.

“In a recent poll of my members where they were asked about the impacts of the proposed mining taxes, 90.5% of respondents felt the new taxes threatened their small businesses and that there would be flow on effects to consumers via increased prices and costs,” said Mr Driscoll.

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