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### GILLARD-GREENS DEAL ON ETS MK II TO COST CONSUMERS

*Driscoll: "Labor and Greens preference deal will drive up cost of living by extreme green ETS Tax"*

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**Scott Driscoll**, National President of the **United Retail Federation**, has slammed the secret deal between Labor and Greens calling on Prime Minister Julia Gillard to come clean on the Treasury modelling on the full cost of living impacts of her intended "ETS Tax Mark Two".

"This dirty Gillard-Brown preference deal will guarantee that the retail sector will be forced to drive up prices to consumers on the back of massive cost increases across the entire food supply chain, from the farm gate to the supermarket shelf," said Mr Driscoll.

"The Rudd-Gillard Government couldn't get the Greens support in the Senate because the "ETS Tax Mark One" wasn't extreme enough for them. It's now obvious that Julia Gillard has adopted a win at all costs approach. Unfortunately it will be families' costs of putting food on the dinner table who will foot the biggest bills.

"I remind consumers across Australia today not to blame their local supermarket when grocery prices spike upwards if the new Gillard Government ETS Tax Mark Two is waved through at the 21 August federal poll.

"I remind consumers across Australia that the new deal between Labor and Greens will guarantee increases to costs of all goods. Each and every item sold in any retail outlet across the Nation will be driven up via the new Labor-Greens ETS Tax Mark Two.

"I remind consumers across Australia that the extreme green direction Julia Gillard wants to go, with massive tax and cost increases to all Australian households and businesses will leave every Australian with less in their pockets and have a profound impact on the overall cost of living in this country.

"This spike in the cost of living will be the price of "moving forward" with Julia Gillard," said Mr Driscoll.

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