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State by State Jobs Figures Prove Government is Killing the Mining Boom

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Scott Driscoll, National President of the **United Retail Federation**, has said that the recent state by state breakdown of jobs figures shows a worrying picture for the former 'boom states' and further proves that the uncertainty surrounding Julia Gillard's mining tax and carbon tax is negatively affecting jobs and business confidence.

"We have had the greatest mining boom in history yet in both Queensland and Western Australia, we see the greatest rise in the unemployment rate in the order of 0.3 and 0.4 percentage points respectively," Mr Driscoll said.

"In New South Wales, a state crippled by government incompetence, we see a rise in the unemployment rate of 0.3 percentage points also," he said.

Mr Driscoll referred to the recent Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) figures that show Western Australia had the biggest rise in its unemployment rate of 0.4 percentage points, followed closely by Queensland and New South Wales with 0.3.

"It really is time that governments realise that public policy experiments like the mining tax and ETS tax, have a negative impact on the economy, on business certainty and on the jobs of working Australians.

"It's time that Ms Gillard came clean and explained these taxes that she intends to impose on the Australian economy in full, pre the federal election," Mr Driscoll said.

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