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Phone Poll Reveals New 'Cost of Living' Taxes Most Worrying Retailers and Small Business

RESULT: 80.5% believe LABOR policies will create greatest upward pressure on retail prices with Mining Tax (59.5%) and Carbon Tax (33%) the biggest factors

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Scott Driscoll, National President of the **United Retail Federation**, has released a telephone poll of 600 of his members, randomly selected in the states of Queensland and New South Wales, which shows a vast majority of retailers and small business (**80.5%**) believe that of the two main parties the Labor Party's policies will create the greatest upward pressure on retail prices in Australia.

"This should be a major wake up call for Julia Gillard and the Labor Party in regards to their new mining tax and the uncertainty surrounding their broader tax plans," Mr Driscoll said.

"From the groceries, nappies, football socks and beyond, this poll is a damning indictment of policies that will force huge price rises as costs are passed on to consumers.

"Retailers are concerned the Gillard mining tax is essentially just another tax on electricity that will push prices up along the entire retail supply chain, from the farm gate, the factory and right through to the cash register," Mr Driscoll said.

The United Retail Federation is a peak national industry body, having represented the retail sector in Australia since 1887.

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