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Walk A Mile With Small Business, Premier

Driscoll – “Premier Bligh’s first move should be to actually have a Small Business Minister”

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Scott Driscoll, National President of the **United Retail Federation**, has called on the creation of a Small Business portfolio in the Queensland Government that is represented by a “senior and appropriate person” following Premier Anna Bligh’s pledge to ‘walk a mile’ in the shoes of working Queenslanders .

“If Premier Bligh is serious about this new found willingness to listen to working Queenslanders then she should begin with immediately creating a Small Business portfolio,” Mr Driscoll said.

“If the Premier refuses to create a small business portfolio then Queensland small business can only assume that the Premier plans to walk over the sector in the usual dismissive fashion that we have come to expect from her government.

“Small Business will be watching to see if this is more than a political fix to mounting leadership pressure and speculation.

“Queenslanders who work in small business are treated with such disdain by the Queensland Labor government that they don’t even have a Minister representing the sector let alone anyone in the Bligh government listening to them.

“The least the Premier could do is give Queensland small businesses a representative in the parliament and show that she is serious about listening to the sector that employs the majority of Queenslanders in the private sector,” Mr Driscoll said.

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