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United Retail Federation President Scott Driscoll to Meet with Southern Downs Mayor and Small Business Operators in Warwick Today

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Scott Driscoll, National President of the **United Retail Federation** will meet with Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor, Ron Bellingham, today as the federation launches a campaign against the extended trading hours grabs by the major retail chains across the Downs. Warwick will be the next case of many across Queensland to be heard in the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (QIRC).

"We are the formal respondent in this case and what I will be discussing with the Mayor will be the negative effects such applications have on local commerce and the broader community and how important it is to retain strength and jobs in the local economy," said Mr Driscoll.

"It is really important that Council recognises they have a role to play in preventing these southern chains ripping money out of the local economy and sending the profits to headquarters down south and overseas.

"There is no doubt that if this case is successful that you will see the wipe out of long standing local businesses and you will see job losses. This is the ultimate aim of the major chains with these applications.

"I look forward to putting our case forward to Council who under the Trading and Allowable Hours Act of Queensland have the legal right by formal council resolution and moral responsibility to represent the views formally of the Warwick community in hearings to be conducted by the full bench of the QIRC on the 29th of September," said Mr Driscoll.

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To arrange interviews please call Scott Driscoll on 0413 831 045.