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Queensland Shadow Cabinet Reshuffle Must Include a Small Business Portfolio

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Scott Driscoll, National President of the **United Retail Federation** has called on the Queensland Opposition Leader, John-Paul Langbroek, to include a dedicated Small Business post in the line up of Shadow Cabinet following his announcement of an upcoming reshuffle, to reflect the critical role the Queensland small business sector plays in the local economy, jobs creation and community development.

Mr Driscoll has been heavily critical about the scrapping of the Small Business Ministry in the Beattie and Bligh Governments and has called on the Opposition Leader to take the lead where the Government has dropped the ball.

"We have a state like Queensland very much riding on the back of small business when it comes to job creation and economic growth, yet there is no dedicated voice in the government to stand up and clearly advocate for that very important sector. It's a disgraceful situation that is long overdue to be fixed," said Mr Driscoll.

"The Opposition Leader has the opportunity now to show real leadership and real policy muscle when it come to the future of the hundreds of thousands of small businesses, their families, their staff and the customers across Queensland.

"Small business in Queensland needs a dedicated voice at the cabinet table again. Small business continues to fail to realise it's true potential because the Queensland Government remains out of touch with this critical sector.

"I intend to discuss this issue with the Opposition Leader and put this case very strongly," said Mr Driscoll.

For further comment call Scott Driscoll on 0413 831 045.