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QLD Government “Bunny Boilers” on Easter Decision

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The **United Retail Federation**, a peak national industry body representing retailers and small businesses for over 120 years, has said that the announcement by the Bligh Government to move the 2011 Easter Monday public holiday to the next day was “dopey and short-sighted”.

Scott Driscoll, National President of the **United Retail Federation**, said that the Bligh Government had now placed retailers and small businesses in a perilous position and it would only result in increased prices for battlers, household consumers and the loss of convenience due to shop closures across the period.

“It is another attempted nod to faceless Union Overlords running the Queensland Labor Government via a shortsighted decision from a bunch of nutty bunny boilers that will see price rises and the loss of convenience and amenity in many instances on those days,” Mr Driscoll said.

“Not content with being the Grinch that stole Christmas by increasing the operating costs to business and consumers by creating an extra day of penalty rates recently, the Bligh Labor Government has now moved on to placing an unsustainable burden on business over the Easter period also.

Mr Driscoll said that if the Government was serious about striking the right balance they would have quarantined the retail and small business sector from the legislative changes and/or moved the substituted public holidays to another day of the year so as to break up the increased cost burdens to business that will be passed on to Mum and Dad consumers.

“I’m fearful of what the next brain snap from this rudderless Queensland Labor Government will manifest in. Perhaps we’ll see penalty rates instituted to drive up prices for consumers on Anna Bligh’s birthday next,” Mr Driscoll said.

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