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GOVERNMENT WELCOMES IMPROVED SMALL BUSINESS TRADING OUTLOOK

The ACCI Small Business Survey released today reveals that small businesses are increasingly confident about Australia's future economic growth, according to Small Business Minister, Craig Emerson.

Dr Emerson welcomed the rise in small business conditions and expected economic performance.

"The results – the highest level since the survey began in December 1996 – show that small businesses have confidence in the Rudd Government's economic policies," Dr Emerson said.

But although small businesses trading conditions are steadily improving, profits and investments in plant and equipment remain soft.

"This underlines the need for the Opposition to get behind the Government's recent tax reform announcements," Dr Emerson said.

"During the global recession the Government provided a small business tax break.

"And during the recovery we want to give small businesses tax relief, a cash flow boost and a strong incentive to invest in productive assets."

"But through Mr Abbott's opposition to the Resource Super Profits Tax the Coalition is denying small businesses much-deserved tax relief".

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