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LIBERALS ROB SMALL BUSINESS OF TAX BREAKS

Today the Opposition has betrayed Australian small businesses by announcing it would drop the Rudd Government's promised small business tax cuts.

The Government will allow all of Australia's 2.4 million small businesses to instantly write off assets valued at up to \$5,000. They will also be able to take advantage of simplified depreciation arrangements for assets costing more than \$5,000.

On top of this, Australia's 720,000 incorporated small businesses will benefit from a 1 July 2012 head-start reduction in the company tax rate from 30 per cent to 28 per cent.

"The Opposition has today announced that, if elected to government, it would not proceed with the Government's tax breaks for small business", Dr Emerson said.

"The Coalition would rob small businesses of a much deserved tax break.

"After today's announcement, the Liberal Party can never again claim to be the party of small business".

The Government's tax breaks offer tax relief of more than \$1.5 billion to small business in the period of the forward estimates (*Overview: Stronger, fairer, simpler – a tax plan for the future, p. 14*).

The small business tax breaks are to be funded by revenue from the Resource Super Profits Tax (RSPT), which the Opposition has pledged to oppose and rescind.

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