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### **PHONY TONY'S RSPT SCARE CAMPAIGN NOT GOSPEL TRUTH**

The Opposition Leader, Tony Abbott, has been caught out once again running a misleading and untruthful Resource Super Profits Tax scare campaign.

For several weeks the Opposition Leader has been attempting to claim that the tax changes associated with the Resource Super Profits Tax (RSPT) would increase the cost of living for ordinary Australian families.

This misleading and untruthful claim is comprehensively debunked by independent modelling by KPMG Econtech, published in the Henry Report.

This expert modelling actually found the RSPT, and the tax reductions it will finance, will reduce the cost of living by more than 1 per cent.

According to this independent modelling estimated price reductions include:

- Transportation cost down by 1.7%;
- Clothing and footwear cost down by 1.3%;
- Household contents and services costs down by 1.1%; and
- Food cost to consumers down by 0.9%.

Consumer Affairs Minister Craig Emerson said today: "This independent modelling proves once again you can't trust what Phony Tony says on tax.

"Phony Tony obviously cooked up his misleading RSPT scare campaign in the heat of the moment because it's a long way from the gospel truth."

According to Mr Emerson, "Mr Abbott's great big new tax on everything – his 1.7 per cent paid parental leave company tax hike – will hit consumers hard".

Mr Abbott's impulsive and risky tax hike will mean higher prices for consumers because his \$10.8 billion tax increase will be passed onto them.

The only party proposing to increase the cost of living through tax rises is Tony Abbott's Liberal Party, whose proposed company tax rate is 3.7 per cent higher than the Government's rate of 28 per cent.