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Carbon Tax a massive hit on Tasmanian small business

Tasmania's 36,000+ small and medium businesses will be severely impacted without any compensation by the Labor-Green Carbon Tax, Shadow Assistant Treasurer Mathias Cormann said today.

"Visiting two such businesses on Tasmania's North West coast today, GP Glass and Delta Hydraulics allowed me and the Tasmanian Liberal Senate Team to witness first-hand the impact of this toxic tax," Senator Cormann said in Devonport today.

"Businesses such as GP Glass and Delta Hydraulics are vital employers and an important part of the fabric of Tasmania's and in particular the North West's economy."

"The Carbon Tax is typical of Labor's approach, ignoring the small business sector."

"I call on Tasmania's Labor representatives to be Tasmania's voice in Canberra not Canberra's voice in Tasmania."

"The Tasmanian Liberal Senate Team has also briefed me about the huge impact the Carbon Tax will have on the farming sector, hospitals, schools and households across Tasmania."

"We are still seeking clarity on the impact of the carbon tax on shipping which is such a vital lifeline for the entire Tasmanian economy."

"The simple fact remains Julia Gillard promised no Carbon Tax because she knew Australians did not want a Carbon Tax."

"That was a promise supported by every single Labor Member and Senator across Tasmania.

"She then assured the Australian people the Carbon Tax would be budget neutral but we now know the Carbon Tax will cost \$4 billion over the forward estimates."

"Neither the Gillard Labor government nor local Labor MPs can now be trusted with anything they say about the impact of their Carbon Tax on the cost of living, small business and jobs," Senator Cormann said.

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