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Parental leave levy a slug on nation's major employers

A plan to slug large businesses with a levy to fund a national parental leave scheme is an ill considered impost on the nation's largest employers according the Australian National Retailers Association (ANRA).

ANRA CEO Margy Osmond described the Coalition proposal as double-dipping which failed to recognise the tough times many businesses have and will continue to face.

"These businesses including large retailers are already making a significant contribution to government revenues at a State and Federal level. At the same time these companies employ tens of thousands of Australians from small regional communities to the capital cities across the country.

"The Coalition proposal places the onus on the nation's major employers to finance a scheme that should essentially be funded by the Government of the day. This is yet another cost to business that ultimately will be passed on to consumers.

"ANRA as the representative of the large retailers here in Australia cannot support a scheme that is clearly not carefully considered public policy developed in consultation with the business community," Mrs Osmond said.

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