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Hanson holds economy to ransom by threatening to stall important small business tax cuts

IF you run or are employed by a small business, Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud has urged your involvement to stop One Nation from holding our region's economy to ransom as Senator Pauline Hanson threatens to stall crucial tax cuts.

"There are more than 25,500 small businesses in Maranoa and livelihoods – connected to this important sector in our rural communities – are being held ransom as One Nation threatens to withhold voting on crucial tax cuts unless a Queensland sugar industry code of conduct is passed," Mr Littleproud said.

"Whether you're employed by or own a small business in our community, Senator Hanson is playing politics with your future by pitting Queensland against Queensland by trying to tangle separate issues together and, as a result, is jeopardising Maranoa's small business sector.

"One Nation needs a wakeup call so please, pick up the phone or email Senator Hanson to remind her that she's senator for the entire Queensland state. The small business sector is the engine room of our economy in Maranoa and it's too important to be used as a political bargaining chip."

This is not the first time Queensland's economy has been used as a pawn by Senator Hanson in her politicking game. During her party's election campaign in Western Australia, it was revealed Senator Hanson said she would be willing to see Queensland's GST share be reduced so that WA got a better deal.

"Senator Hanson is willing to sell out our home state and this betrayal reinforces that One Nation can never be trusted with running the nation or Queensland's finances," Mr Littleproud said.

The small business sector – targeting businesses with a turnover of up to \$10 million – is set to be strengthened by the Coalition Government's first tranche of tax cuts by reducing the rate to 27.5% in July.

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