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### MEDIA RELEASE

#### IS FRESH FOOD HOCKEY'S NEXT GST BROKEN PROMISE?

Treasurer Joe Hockey needs to come clean whether he plans to add the GST to fresh food.

Tony Abbott promised *"no new or increased taxes"* before the last election – and on 33 occasions he specifically ruled out changing the GST.

Today, WA Premier Colin Barnett is calling for changes to the GST so it covers fresh fruit and vegetables.

If Tony Abbott and Joe Hockey agree to their Liberal mate's demand, every Australian will pay more for their groceries.

Putting the GST on fresh food would be another broken election promise from Tony Abbott. Every time they go to the checkout, Australian families would have to pay more for Tony Abbott's pre-election lies.

The Abbott Government must today rule out putting the GST on fresh food. Anything less is just another broken promise to families which will increase the cost of living.

If Tony Abbott wants to increase the GST or put the GST on fresh food, he should stay true to his word and take it to an election.

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