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Ditch the tax, reap the profit

CARBON TAX A HANDBRAKE: IRONS

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PRIME Minister Tony Abbott joined Swan MHR Steve Irons at TNT Express in Carlisle to confirm his government's commitment to repealing the carbon and mining tax.

Mr Abbott said TNT's power bills had gone up about 25 per cent in the last two years and the carbon tax was a

9 per cent impost on power bills.

He said the tax was as a \$9 billion a year handbrake on the economy.

Last week, Mr Irons said the historic signing of the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement last

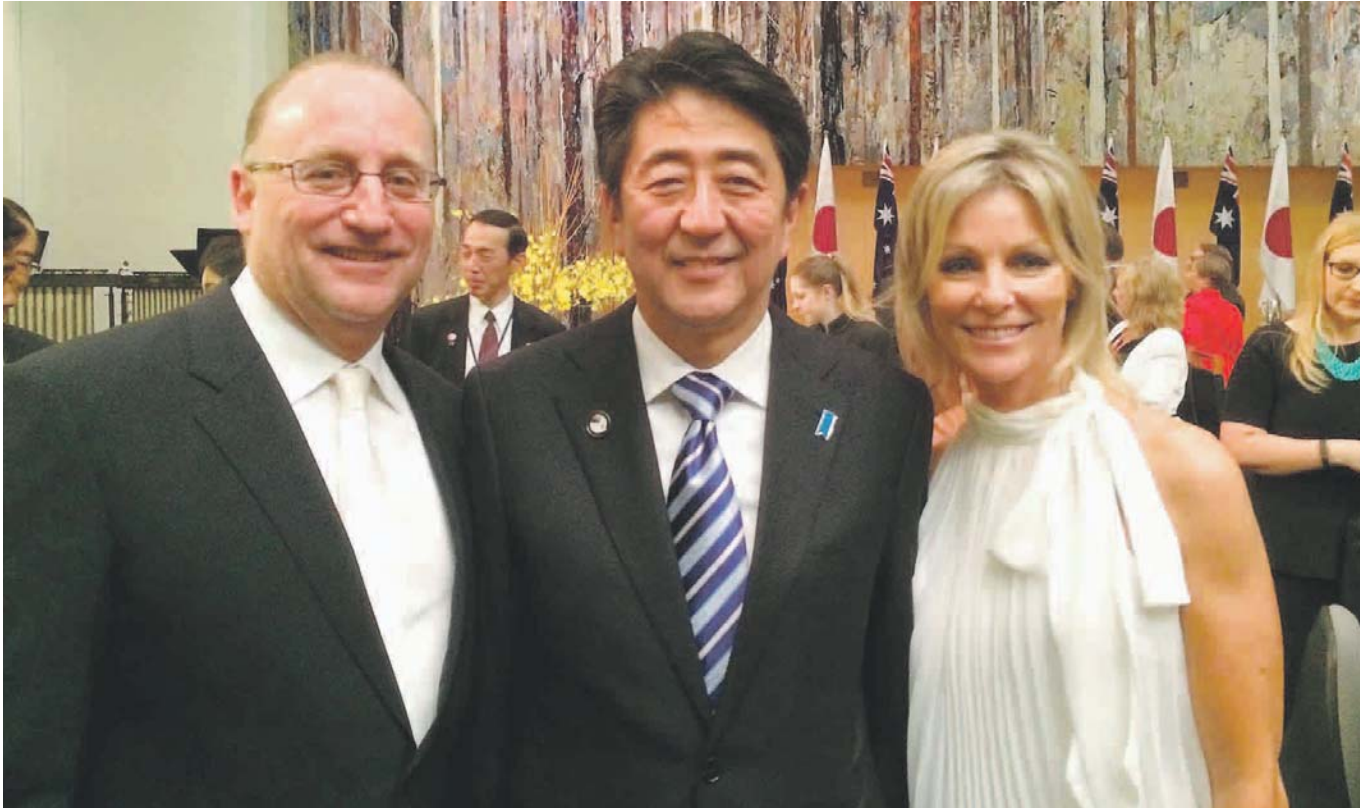
Tuesday would also bring savings to businesses and residents.

It would create cost savings for many Japanese car dealerships, he said.

"Under this agreement, the 5 per cent tariff on Japanese car imports will be removed

immediately on 75 per cent of Japanese cars and completely removed over three years, which will have a significant flow-on effect to consumer prices."

Mr Irons said the agreement would give Australian industries prime access to Japan's investment and export markets, and consumers could expect savings.



Swan MHR Steve Irons and wife Cheryl Irons with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.