



## Sid Sidebottom MP ... for a fair go in Braddon

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#### **Workers need to register with Centrelink**

Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom has urged North-West workers facing redundancy to register with Centrelink as soon as possible to ensure they are eligible for assistance to find new jobs.

Mr Sidebottom said with major redundancies at Tas Paper and McCain Foods in the next few months, workers needed to be prepared.

"I have heard that some workers may be missing out on information and assistance because they have not yet taken the first step," Mr Sidebottom said.

"Anyone who is made redundant must register with Centrelink to become eligible for job search support with one of the Job Services Australia providers.

"This isn't about receiving Centrelink payments, but it is an important trigger for people who are made redundant to receive the best support possible in finding training or a new career."

Mr Sidebottom said the down-sizing by significant employers was difficult for many, but he wanted to make sure people received all of the help possible.

"All levels of government are working together to provide as much support as possible for workers and their families. But without registering, these people can't take what is a very important first step to accessing help to find new work."

Mr Sidebottom said he also urged people who were receiving redundancies to seek professional advice about their payments and entitlements, with Centrelink the best place to start for this information.

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