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### **Tasmania to Benefit from Free Trade With Indonesia**

Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Member for Braddon, Sid Sidebottom, today welcomed the commencement of the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA) which now formally includes Indonesia.

This agreement with Indonesia covers important industries in Braddon including dairy products, seafood and mining ores and concentrates.

“This agreement signals greater opportunities for Tasmanian exporters to gain access to markets. We are a free trading nation and agreements like this one are resulting in lower tariffs with Tasmanian exporters set to potentially reap significant benefits,” Mr Sidebottom said.

Indonesia and Australia are the largest economies in our region with trade in goods and services totalling \$12.9 billion in 2010. Indonesia is Australia’s 12<sup>th</sup> largest trading partner. Tasmanian merchandise exports to Indonesia in 2010 were \$108 million.

“There are a range of Tasmanian industries including seafood, dairy, ore and concentrates and beef which could boost their levels of trade with Indonesia as a result of this agreement. The Australian Labor Government continues to work closely with all of our regional trading partners to develop and negotiate opportunities for Tasmanian exporters to penetrate suitable overseas markets” Mr Sidebottom added.

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