



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

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### **NORTH WEST WORKERS IN JEOPARDY - ABBOTT WON'T RULE OUT CHANGES TO IR REGULATIONS- WILL GARRY CARPENTER?**

Labor Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom today called on his opponent to explain which industrial relations regulations would be changed under a Coalition Government.

Mr Sidebottom said one of the key issues in this election for Braddon residents is Tony Abbott's plan to bring back the worst aspects of WorkChoices.

Mr Abbott yesterday tried to claim WorkChoices was dead, but one of his own shadow ministers, Eric Abetz, let the cat out of the bag and revealed the Coalition would 'tweak' the regulations.

Mr Sidebottom called on Garry Carpenter to explain what changes a Liberal-National Coalition Government would make to the industrial relations regulations that help govern the wages and conditions of hard working Australians.

"Mr Abbott needs to explain without delay whether he would use technical changes to regulations to shift people off awards, take away unfair dismissal rights, or deny workers information about their entitlements," Mr Sidebottom said.

"Braddon has a large number of hospitality workers. They were some of the hardest hit during WorkChoices. We simply can't let Tony Abbott take local jobs and the local economy backwards.

"I call upon Mr Carpenter to immediately come clean on his support for any changes to industrial relations regulations.

"If he can't rule this out for our area, it shows what a risk he would be to the wages and working conditions the people of Braddon.

"It just goes to show people they can't trust the Coalition not to go back to the worst aspects of the WorkChoices policy they have supported all along."

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