



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

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### **McCain CLOSURE A SHOCK TO ALL**

Today's announcement of the closure of McCain Foods Smithton vegetable plant is a shock out of the blue for the North-West says the Federal Member for Braddon, Sid Sidebottom MP.

Mr Sidebottom said the news from McCain came without warning and he was as surprised as anyone by the move.

"It is particularly hard coming this close to Christmas, and it is my understanding that the people of Smithton had no idea something like this was coming," Mr Sidebottom said.

"I have already alerted senior Federal ministers including the Prime Minister.

"I have attempted to contact senior McCain management to seek more information.

"We will be working hard to see if there is anything that can be done to assist McCain and see if they will reconsider the decision.

"We certainly received no indication that this was on the cards."

Mr Sidebottom said he would be part of a community taskforce along with the State Government, Circular Head Council, Australian Manufacturing Workers Union and Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association.

"Hopefully as a group we may be able to convince McCain to reconsider, or at least find the best ways to help the community and particularly the workers.

"McCain and its predecessors are literally the heart of the community in Circular Head and this will be devastating for many."

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