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SOUTHERN ADELAIDE WORKERS IN JEOPARDY:

ABBOTT WON'T RULE OUT CHANGES TO IR REGULATIONS

Amanda Rishworth MP, Federal Member for Kingston today called on her opponent to explain which industrial relations regulations would be changed under a Coalition Government.

Ms Rishworth said "One of the key issues in this election for residents of Adelaide's Southern Suburbs is Tony Abbott's plan to bring back the worst aspects of WorkChoices."

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

Ms Rishworth called on her opponent 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.

Ms Rishworth said "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.

"Young workers in Southern Adelaide 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 on my opponent 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 of the people of Adelaide's South.

"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."