



# **Amanda Rishworth MP**

Member for Kingston

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### **Local MP disappointed by Mitsubishi closure but looks to future**

Federal MP for the southern suburbs electorate of Kingston Amanda Rishworth has expressed "disappointment" that the Mitsubishi plant in Tonsley Park is set to close.

"It's a blow for the workers and their families, and for our local community," said Ms Rishworth.

"I know first hand how much effort workers have put in to turning out top quality vehicles."

"The workers have done their best to produce good cars of which South Australians can be proud."

"I would like to pay tribute to the workers at Mitsubishi, as well as Governments and unions who have worked hard together to keep the plant open as long as possible.

It is disappointing that after the loyalty that the SA has shown to Mitsubishi, its owners have chosen to move their operations off shore"

Ms Rishworth says the focus now shifts to the future.

"The first step is clearly ensuring workers get the best redundancy payment that can be secured," said Ms Rishworth.

"I welcome the assistance package announced by the Minister today and will be working with my State and Federal colleges to ensure the best future for employment opportunities and economic development in the south of Adelaide."

The Mitsubishi assistance package is worth 50 million dollars, a 35 million contribution from the Federal Government, a 10 million contribution from State Government and a 5 million contribution from the Company. The package will include:

- extensive assistance to workers made redundant as a result of the closure
- the creation of a South Australian Innovation and Investment fund to strengthen South Australia's Manufacturing base, creating new jobs and boosting new investment in innovation.