

# Job losses for Viterra staff

**Adrian Pederick MP Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Shadow Minister for Forests reports that Glencore International has transferred its South Australian grain handling management operations to Victoria in a move that has resulted in redundancies and job losses following the company's acquisition of Viterra Inc.**

Viterra, which was acquired by Glencore in 2012, has had its Australian operational headquarters in Adelaide employing in excess of 300 staff.

However, this will now longer be the case as the Swiss company Glencore has made plans to grow its Melbourne Office, leaving many of Viterra's Adelaide staff without a job or being forced to move interstate.

"This was a definite concern that is now a reality," Shadow Minister for Agriculture Adrian Pederick said.

"The SA Parliament Select Committee for the Grain Handling Industry outlined in its final report a need for Glencore to have the location for its head office in Adelaide.

"However this will not be the case and we will see local South Australian grain handling knowledge and experience lost as a result of Glencore's decision."

Whilst numbers are uncertain, Viterra yesterday confirmed a large number of

its Adelaide based workforce would be

made redundant or had accepted offers to move to Melbourne to continue under the management of Glencore.

"South Australian stakeholders have been consistently uninformed on the Glencore Viterra takeover," Mr Pederick said.

"The cost of doing business in SA is too high under this Labor Government and this decision adds to the continued job losses in our State's primary industries.

"Labor has also failed to consider the Select Committee's recommendations and allowed a large company to be downsized - our grain industry will suffer as a result.

"Agriculture Minister Gago must now seek assurances from Glencore that it will do the right thing for the farmers of our State.

"This is yet another crisis for Premier Weatherill at a time of economic and employment uncertainty in South Australia."