

Jobs go at Viterra

Glencore International has transferred its South Australian grain handling management operations to Victoria.

According to Shadow Minister for Agriculture *Adrian Pederick* the move has resulted in redundancies and job losses which has followed from the company's acquisition of Viterra.

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

Mr Pederick said this would no longer be the case as Glencore, a Swiss company, 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," he 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."

Mr Pederick said while numbers were uncertain, Viterra confirmed last week 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," he added.