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Regional jobs continue to decline: another 3,600 jobs gone

The regional labour force in South Australia declined by 3,600 jobs in May according to ABS statistics released today.

The 3,600 regional jobs lost in May follows a loss of 2,200 jobs in April.

The ABS statistics also highlight an on-going problem with youth unemployment in South Australia, as there were 1,500 fewer youths employed in regional South Australia for the month of May.

“Another month of large job losses in the regions is very concerning and needs to be addressed by the city-centric Labor Government,” Shadow Minister for Regional Development Dan van Holst Pellekaan said.

“At the end of a month in which regional South Australia lost 3,600 jobs, the Labor Government released a Budget that does nothing to support job growth in the regions.

“The Regional Development Australia entities provide an excellent avenue to support job growth. However, the Weatherill Labor Government continues to refuse them the much-needed core funding they require to function with certainty.

“Regional youth employment has reduced by a staggering 1,500 jobs in one month. If jobs continue to decline at this rate there would be no youths employed in regional South Australia by the end of September!

“What is the Labor Government doing to address these concerning figures?”

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