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More evidence of Labor's job failure

According to ABS statistics released today, South Australia's mining sector lost 1,000 jobs in the three months to August, dispelling Labor's rhetoric that the State is undergoing a mining boom.

Yesterday, Business SA CEO Peter Vaughan spoke out against Labor's mining myth saying:

*"In large parts of Australia that are not enjoying the resources boom, and **we're clearly not...**"* (891ABC, 14/9/11)

Despite the dismal results, in Parliament yesterday Mineral Resources Minister Tom Koutsantonis continued with the spin saying:

"This government has got the policies right to ensure... exploration investment remains strong." (Hansard, 14/9/11)

In more bad news for South Australia, the manufacturing and construction sector each lost 3,400 jobs in the three months to August.

Shadow Employment Minister David Pisoni said Labor has been too distracted by its own division and disunity to address South Australia's job crisis.

"Labor has a lot to answer for with mining, manufacturing and construction jobs all in serious decline in South Australia," Mr Pisoni said.

"Last time the Liberals were in government manufacturing was our biggest employer and economic contributor, but Labor has hampered the sector's growth.

"These shocking figures also show that Labor's promised mining boom has also failed to materialise.

"L-plate Premier Jay Weatherill has a huge job on his hands if he is to clean up Labor's mess when he takes over the top job on October 20.

"Minister Koutsantonis' out of touch comments yesterday suggest Mr Weatherill will have his work cut out for him! It's just the same old Labor."

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