



Anthony Carbines MP

State Member for Ivanhoe
Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment



LABOR TO FIGHT FOR IVANHOE WORKERS

Member for Ivanhoe Anthony Carbines on Tuesday spoke out on behalf of local residents who would be unfairly impacted by an Abbott Government cut to penalty rates.

Speaking in Parliament, Mr Carbines said that were 29,000 retail workers and 17,000 hospitality workers in the north east region who would potentially be affected if penalty rates on Sundays were reduced.

Mr Carbines raised the issue with Victorian Minister for Industrial Relations Natalie Hutchins, and asked for an update on how such a cut would impact local residents, and how the Andrews Labor Government is standing up for workers in Ivanhoe.

The Productivity Commission's recently released interim report has foreshadowed attack on penalty rates and the creation of a two-tiered system of workers' entitlements.

The Commission's proposal to cut penalty rates would hurt the thousands of Victorian retail and hospitality workers who work on Sundays.

While the Abbott Government's has attempted to distance themselves from the report, the inquiry's Terms of Reference were established by Treasurer Joe Hockey.

Quotes attributable to Member for Ivanhoe Anthony Carbines MP:

"Hospitality and retail workers in Ivanhoe will bear the brunt of the Abbott Government cruelly cutting penalty rates on Sundays."

"The Andrews Labor Government is standing up for the thousands of workers across our region, many of whom are already struggling "