



Understanding the Impacts of Employment Loss: Space, Place and Public Policy

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Economic globalisation has contributed to substantial change in the distribution of manufacturing industry across the globe. Since the year 2000 there have been a number of high profile plant closures in Australia as both local firms and multi nationals have sought relocated to lower wage countries such as China, Indonesia, Fiji and India. This paper discusses some of the outcomes of a research project examining the health, housing and labour market outcomes of the closure of the Mitsubishi Motors Australia Ltd (MMAL) plant at Lonsdale, in the southern part of metropolitan Adelaide. The paper considers some of the ways in which location has affected the responses of retrenched employees to their new circumstances. It also draws out the implications for public policy.