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Shane Broad all talk and no action

Shane Broad is all talk. He says he opposes radical protesters invading workplaces, and denying the right to Tasmanians to work, however also opposes our Government's workplace protection legislation set to be debated in the Legislative Council tomorrow. This is very disappointing.

The reasons Mr Broad gives to oppose this legislation are either misplaced, misleading or wrong. The Labor Party has a clear choice. Stand with the Bob Brown Foundation and the Greens and oppose this important legislation or vote for the right of business to operate and Tasmanian workers to work, without interference, impeding or harassment.

Our legislation has the support of Tasmania's productive industries representing farmers, foresters, miners, fishers and the business community, not to mention Tasmanian workers.

Furthermore, similar legislation has been passed in the Federal Parliament with bipartisan support as well as in most mainland states with bipartisan support.

Tasmanian businesses and workers deserve the right to work free from threats and invasions from radical extremists.

I urge Mr Broad and the Labor Party to reconsider their position and support our legislation for the sake of Tasmanian workers and their families.