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Labor goes missing on resources jobs

When it comes to fighting for jobs in the resources sector one thing is certain – you can rely on Labor to go missing in action when the going gets tough.

New Federal Labor candidate for Braddon Chris Lynch is just the latest Labor figure who can't make up his mind when it comes to supporting resources workers.

Yesterday Mr Lynch said it was a "tricky question" when asked if he supported Rosebery miner MMG or the Bob Brown Foundation.

What part of protecting and fighting for 500 jobs does Mr Lynch think is "tricky"?

The only fight that is happening at Rosebery is the Bob Brown Foundation re-drawing the boundaries of the Tarkine and chaining themselves to machinery to stop hard-working Tasmanians going to work.

And, if Mr Lynch is still confused he should consider the jobs at the Burnie Port, the TasRail jobs, the exploration jobs and the minerals processing jobs that are generated and supported by the mining and resources sector.

At a time when there is positive news about mining jobs and minerals discovery at Henty and Renison, all that Labor can do at the Federal and State levels is to sit on the fence and side with the Greens.

The Tasmanian Liberal Government is the strongest supporter of Tasmania's resources sector and we are happy to fight for these jobs.