

Statement from Chair Administrator Julie Eisenbise: re ViPlus redundancies

"It is disappointing to hear that ViPlus has made the difficult decision to make 31 roles redundant at their Toora plant. My thoughts, and the thoughts of South Gippsland Shire Council, are with those people and their families.

"We would like to assure the community that Council is working with ViPlus CEO Jon McNaught and Regional Development Victoria to support these workers in their transition to new opportunities.

"Council is also talking to support agencies that may be able to assist these workers and exploring the opportunities that could be available at Council through the recently announced Working for Victoria program. We want to give as much support as possible to these people during what is no doubt a difficult time for them and their families.

"To date, ViPlus has been a great addition to our region and has had a positive impact on jobs in and around Toora. This announcement takes us all by surprise and highlights the affect that COVID-19 has had on so many businesses throughout our region and indeed the rest of our nation.

"We hope that ViPlus can recover from this setback and, in time, find a way for these jobs to return."

Julie Eisenbise

Chair Administrator

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