

MEDIA RELEASE

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STATEMENT ON EXXONMOBIL

This morning Exxon Mobil announced their decision to close the Altona fuel refinery.

We know this is an incredibly sad day for workers and their families, and our thoughts are with the many people impacted by this. This is challenging news, but you have this government's full support.

The West has a rich industrial past, and the refinery has played a key role in that - operating for decades and employing generations of workers.

This is a highly skilled workforce and our priority is assisting them wherever possible to find other employment in advanced manufacturing and other areas suitable to their tailored skillsets.

Please be assured that as your local members, we will continue to speak with Exxon Mobil and unions as a matter of urgency to understand how we can best support the employees and families impacted by today's devastating announcement.

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