

Job worry for manager, 80 staff

FARMER Joe's Country Market manager Vince Proietto will be among 80 workers to lose their jobs when the store closes in August.

Mr Proietto is one of the longest-serving employees at the store, with 26 years.

"I'll go on the dole for a

while and have a look at what other work is available," he said.

Mr Proietto, who has a family and mortgage, said he was worried for his fellow staff.

Farmer Joe's co-owner David Vedelago said he was trying to get new jobs for as many staff as poss-

ible.

Sarina Russo Job Access chief executive officer Kevin Ayre said Farmer Joe's workers would have a good chance of finding jobs as demand for staff remained strong in the food retail sector despite the economic downturn.

State Planning and In-

frastructure Minister and Member for Stafford Stirling Hinchliffe said he was disappointed for the workers but he said the State Government's Rapid Response Team would help staff find new jobs.

STREET POLL

What are your thoughts on the closure of Farmer Joe's?

Poll conducted at Farmer Joe's Country Market at Kedron on Thursday, July 2, 3pm.



“Not impressed. Things that you get here, you can't get anywhere else. They're always very friendly. I'm very disappointed.”

Robyn May, Zillmere



“Disgusted. But I suppose you can't stop progress. Because that's what it is. I hope they can find somewhere else nearby.”

Schiario Arte, Clayfield



“They seem to have good prices, but I guess you can't prevent change. It's a pity that they have to leave.”

Brian Bird, Bald Hills