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Insight is live from the Logan West Community Centre near Brisbane. Jaimi-Lee Miller, Tupperware agent, talks about the Logan Tupperware distributorship being the largest growing one in the world and describes who is selling Tupperware in the region. John Bridge, **Sarina Russo** Logan, says industries going well include health, aged care, child care, fast food and big retailers. Jason Bourne, recruitment officer, IKEA Logan, speaks about recruiting at IKEA, saying the majority are part-time jobs. David Wilson, who previously worked at IGA, works part time and would prefer more hours. Daniel Wellbelove, electrician, has very little work and does not receive Centrelink payments and has been living off a redundancy payment and holiday payout. Bill Mitchell, University of Newcastle, speaks about recent unemployment figures and the national average of 5.9%. He says the figures include anyone working one hour a week or more and do not reflect underemployed people. He says the economy is changing to stretch families. Helen Mackie, Yatala Glass, believes there are hidden unemployed, such as contractors and others. Debbie Hill, Calvary Care, believes this is putting pressure on people, causing mental health problems and depression.

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Interviewees: Bill Mitchell, University of Newcastle; Christabelle Roberts, local resident; Craig Brown, local worker; Crystell Lane, cleaner; Daniel Wellbelove, electrician; David Wilson, Ikea Logan; Debbie Hill, Calvary Care; Helen Mackie, Yatala Glass; Jaimi-Lee Miller, Tupperware Agent; Jason Bourne, recruitment officer, Ikea Logan; John Bridge, **Sarina Russo** Logan; Justine Brown, mother; Patrick, local business owner

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Insight is live from the Logan West Community Centre near Brisbane. The area has been identified as a hot spot for rising unemployment. Jobs in the region are largely in manufacturing, retail and agriculture. Pastor Terry Walker, Tribe of Judah, runs a free and cheap food service in the region and says in the past six months the number of people using the service has doubled. Walker says many users of the service have been driving BMW and Mercedes vehicles and explained that they have over-extended themselves financially. Debbie Hill, Calvary Care, says many users of her service are in the steel, mining and retail sectors. She says they are not showing up in statistics but many people have lost work through overtime. John Davidge, trucking company manager, says he provides stock to big retailers and has not seen a major drop-off. Geoff Hair, local resident, says that because there is no work his family has had to stop health insurance, cut off mobile phones and take their children out of private **school**; they are also preparing to sell their investment property. John Bridge, **Sarina Russo** Logan, says they have seen a significant number of people being made redundant. Bill Mitchell, University of Newcastle, says this area is one of high risk because it relies on the manufacturing and retail industries. Mitchell says other vulnerable areas in Australia include traditional battler suburbs like Dandenong and Liverpool.

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Interviewees: Anne Neuendorf, local resident; Bill Mitchell, University of Newcastle; Christabelle Roberts, job seeker; Debbie Hil, Calvary Care; Eric Brecknell, service user; Geoff and Mary Hair, local resident; John Bridge, **Sarina Russo** Logan; John Davidge, trucking company manager; Pastor Terry Walker, Tribe of Judah

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