

Media Release

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CHARGING AHEAD WITH MAKING ELECTRIC VEHICLE COMPONENTS

The Andrews Labor Government is supporting the creation of dozens of new advanced manufacturing jobs in Victoria's electric vehicle industry.

The Labor Government is supporting Nissan Casting Australia's \$15.5 million expansion of its Dandenong South facility, which will design and manufacture electric vehicle components for carmaker Nissan.

The locally made parts will be used at assembly plants around the world, including in Japan, Thailand and the United States.

Nissan Casting Australia's Dandenong South facility produces aluminum die-cast components used in Nissan's electric vehicle models sold around the world, including the Leaf.

The investment will create 41 local jobs in engineering, management and production, and allow the company to boost its automation and robotic operations – building Victoria's skills base. The facility can produce around 2.6 million metal castings each year.

This latest investment follows the Government's support for sister company Nissan Australia to build its national headquarters and technical training centre in Mulgrave.

The centre is used to train engineers and technicians from Nissan sites around Australia and New Zealand with a focus on the company's new and emerging electric vehicle range.

Since November 2014, the Government has provided more than \$184 million in support to the manufacturing industry, creating more than 8,000 jobs and generating almost \$2 billion in private investment.

Victoria's manufacturing businesses employ more than 290,000 workers and the Government is making sure new jobs continue to be created in the sector.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Industry Support and Recovery Martin Pakula

"We're backing companies like Nissan Casting to expand their operations and make more products for export."

"Victoria is Australia's leading advanced manufacturing state, and we'll keep investing in the sector to grow the economy and create local jobs."

Quote attributable to Member for Dandenong Gabrielle Williams

"Nissan Casting's expansion cements Dandenong's reputation as an advanced manufacturing hub, bringing more highly skilled jobs to the region."

Quote attributable to Nissan Casting Australia Plant Managing Director Peter Jones

"We are delighted to receive strong support to continue to expand our Australian manufacturing expertise. With nearly 40 years of operations in Melbourne's south-east, this will help us to expand our production of Australian-made electric vehicle components to the global market."

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