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CONSULTING GIANT'S REGIONAL MOVE BOOSTS BALLARAT JOBS

An Australian consulting giant will establish a new office in Ballarat, creating up to 200 jobs in the important regional centre, backed by support from the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Economic Development Tim Pallas today announced the establishment of the Ernst & Young (EY) Service Delivery Centre at the Federation University Ballarat Tech Park in Mt Helen.

The satellite hub will service clients across Australia and the Asia Pacific, with Ballarat chosen as the location for its access to a diverse talent pool and partnership opportunities with Federation University in relation to job recruitment and traineeships.

The centre will initially focus on business operations and digital support services in the financial sector including security and verification services – providing jobs for people with a wide range of skills and experience.

EY will provide ongoing digital training to deliver complex projects, including those supporting their clients' digital strategic transformation.

The Labor Government's *International Investment Strategy* is attracting global organisations to secure the skills, capabilities and technology that will drive growth and diversification in the Victorian economy.

Investments already facilitated by the Government under the Strategy unveiled in 2020 are forecast to create more than 7,000 full-time-equivalent jobs for Victorians and the move into Ballarat by EY will add up to 200 more local jobs over three years.

EY is one of the world's largest professional services firms with more than 300,000 employees in 150 countries. In Oceania, the firm employs more than 9,000 people and had revenue in excess of \$2.3 billion last financial year.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Economic Development Tim Pallas

"Investments like this show that regional Victoria is a great place to do business and a terrific source of talent."

"We'll keep creating the conditions that allow businesses such as EY to expand and put on new workers because it supports local communities and has flow-on benefits for the wider economy."

Quote attributable to Member for Buninyong Michaela Settle

"This is a real coup for Ballarat – it's fantastic that we have assets like Federation University and the Ballarat Tech Park that are so attractive to innovative employers like EY."

Quote attributable to Member for Wendouree Juliana Addison

"EY's move is a vote of confidence in our region. It will provide opportunities for people at different stages in their working life to develop skills that can be the foundation for a great career."

Quotes attributable to EY partner and project lead Daniel Wong

"We're committed to providing traineeships and reskilling opportunities for anyone who wants to apply."

"Our focus is on creating accessible, flexible and inclusive opportunities for people who may be starting their first job, retraining, returning to work, or looking for new challenges."

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