

Media Release

The Hon Harriet Shing MP

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NEW PARWAN GAS SUPPLY TO FIRE UP JOBS GROWTH

More jobs will be created in the Parwan Employment Precinct with the Parwan City Gate Gas connection ready to attract new industrial businesses thanks to support from the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Regional Development Harriet Shing today visited the precinct to announce the completion of the Parwan City Gate Gas Connection Project made possible by a \$2.7 million investment from the *Building Works* package along with additional support from Moorabool Shire Council and local business L & G Meats.

The Parwan City Gate Gas Project will provide gas to the Parwan Employment Precinct and the wider Bacchus Marsh area. The project will attract more private agribusiness investment to the precinct due to readily available access to gas.

The City Gas Gate Connection is enabling businesses like asset management company Parwan&Co to get involved in the establishment of the precinct, aiming to create a new agriculture and agribusiness hub in Parwan.

The Parwan Employment Precinct is a major initiative that is set to boost economic and employment growth potential for Bacchus Marsh.

Located between the Bacchus Marsh Aerodrome and Western Water Treatment Plant, the precinct is expected to generate up to 1,500 full-time jobs within six years. The precinct has companies that will produce petfood, animal feed and tallow for biofuel.

Parwan already facilitates local businesses like mushroom producer Parwan Valley Mushrooms and freight company Graeme Spargo Transport.

The Building Works package is designed to provide immediate benefit to communities across the state, with more than half the projects in rural and regional Victoria – from our smallest town to our most famous natural wonders.

These shovel-ready projects are creating jobs now and will provide lasting economic benefits. This program forms a part of the Government's more than \$36 billion investment in rural and regional Victoria since 2015.

For more information, visit rdv.vic.gov.au/building-works

Quote attributable to Minister for Regional Development Harriet Shing

"This new gas connection will enable more businesses to be established in the Parwan Employment Precinct, helping create more jobs and stimulate regional Victoria's agriculture industry."

Quote attributable to Member for Melton Steve McGhie

"By transforming this part of Parwan into an agribusiness hub, we expect there to be more opportunities for locals to work closer to home at the precinct."

Quote attributable to Member for Buninyong Michaela Settle

"It's great to have more employment opportunities for our local community and continue to stimulate our agriculture industry."

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