

# Media Release

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## MANUFACTURING THE FUTURE IN DANDENONG

The Andrews Labor Government is backing advanced manufacturers in Dandenong to expand, shaping the south-east Melbourne region into a hub for production excellence and a magnet for investment and high-skill jobs.

A growing list of leading companies are choosing to expand or base their global operations in Dandenong, including automotive component producer Nissan Casting Australia, 3D printing manufacturer Spee3D and skincare giant BWX and many others.

With support from the Labor Government, these advanced manufacturers are injecting a combined investment of more than \$150 million into the region and creating 230 new local jobs.

Dandenong hosts almost 1,400 manufacturing businesses and more than 21,000 workers. They transform a range of advanced materials into new products, creating high value components for the next generation of space, aerospace, defence, mobility and medical technologies.

The highly skilled jobs that have been created in the region include engineering, production and technical roles in mechanical, mechatronics, electrical and digital technologies.

Nissan Casting Australia has invested \$15.5 million to expand its Dandenong South facility, which produces aluminium die-cast components used in Nissan's electric vehicle models sold around the world.

Greater Dandenong is located approximately 35 kilometres from Melbourne's CBD and is the most culturally diverse community in Victoria with residents from over 160 birthplaces around the world.

Victoria is the manufacturing state of the nation. The industry is worth around \$30 billion to the Victorian economy each year, providing more than 27 per cent to the nation's manufacturing output.

The Government is helping the state's advanced manufacturers to grow, innovate and stimulate job creation through initiatives including the \$2 billion *Breakthrough Victoria Fund* and the \$40 million *Victorian Industry Investment Fund*, which was included in the 2022/23 Budget.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Industry Support and Recovery Ben Carroll

*"We support advanced manufacturers in Dandenong and around the state so they can expand and create secure jobs for Victorians."*

*"Dandenong is a success story of innovation and good investment – and we will continue to back the region so it can fulfil its cement itself as one of the key advanced manufacturing precincts in Australia."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Dandenong Gabrielle Williams

*"Advanced manufacturing is going from strength to strength in Dandenong and we're backing the area to cement its place as a nation-leading hub for high-skill jobs and investment."*

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