

Media Release

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BOEING LANDS MORE JOBS AND INVESTMENT IN VICTORIA

One of the world's leading aerospace manufacturers continues to invest, grow and create new skilled jobs in the state, strengthening Victoria's manufacturing expertise and capabilities.

Minister for Manufacturing Sovereignty Ben Carroll today welcomed Boeing's growth in Victoria, with the company creating more than 200 new jobs this year alone, an increase of almost 25 per cent and bringing its workforce in the state to more than 1000.

These roles are supporting increased production of new commercial planes due to growing demand globally.

Based at Melbourne's Fishermans Bend, the company has been manufacturing aircraft in the state since 1927.

The company is not only growing its workforce in the state but also encouraging more women into aviation trade roles through its Female Apprenticeship Program to increase gender diversity in traditionally dominated roles.

Boeing's Victorian presence is one of the company's largest outside the United States, bringing together a unique combination of research and development, engineering, and advanced manufacturing in the one location. It is where the company has produced components for the 787 Dreamliner for the past decade.

All of Boeing's commercial airplane components produced in Victoria are exported to the company's final assembly lines in the United States - either to Seattle, Washington or Charleston, South Carolina.

Boeing Aerostructures Australia was awarded the *Manufacturer of the Year - Large Business* at the recent 2023 Victorian Manufacturing Hall of Fame Awards – which is supported by the Andrews Labor Government.

Victoria continues to cement its status as a destination of choice for major global firms with Hanwha, BAE Systems, Leonardo, Lockheed Martin, and Thales all establishing a significant presence here.

Through the *Victorian Budget 2023/24*, the Labor Government is backing advanced manufacturers to bolster local capabilities through the \$21 million *Manufacturing and Industry Sovereignty Fund*, as well as investing \$4 million to support our defence and space sectors to secure more major contracts.

Quote attributable to Minister for Manufacturing Sovereignty Ben Carroll

"Boeing's continued investment in Victoria highlights our status as Australia's advanced manufacturing capital, with more high-skilled jobs being created in our state."

Quote attributable to Member for Albert Park Nina Taylor

"Fishermans Bend is a key hub for advanced manufacturing in Victoria and we have some of the world's most innovative companies right here."

Quote attributable to Boeing Aerostructures Australia Managing Director Mick Sorrenson

"Boeing's enduring partnership with Australia is deeply connected to Victoria, having continuously manufactured aircraft components at our Fishermans Bend site since the 1930s."

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